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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



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SHADOW RETURNS

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LOCATION:
LABORATORY
ZERO...

AFTER WEEKS OF
GATHERING INFORMA-
TION, THE BIO-
SYNTHETIC CREATION KNOWN
AS SHADOW HAS FOLLOWED
A TRAIL THAT LEADS HERE--

--TO A REMOTE
ISLAND ABANDONED
LONG AGO--

--BY THE
STATION
SQUARE
MILITARY
COMPLEX IN
CHARGE AT
THE TIME!*

I KNOW
NOT WHY
I'M DRAWN
TO THIS
PLACE--

--ONLY
THAT I'M
CONNECTED
TO IT!

BUT HOW?
IT DOESN'T
APPEAR THAT
ANYONE'S
BEEN HERE
FOR A LONG
TIME!

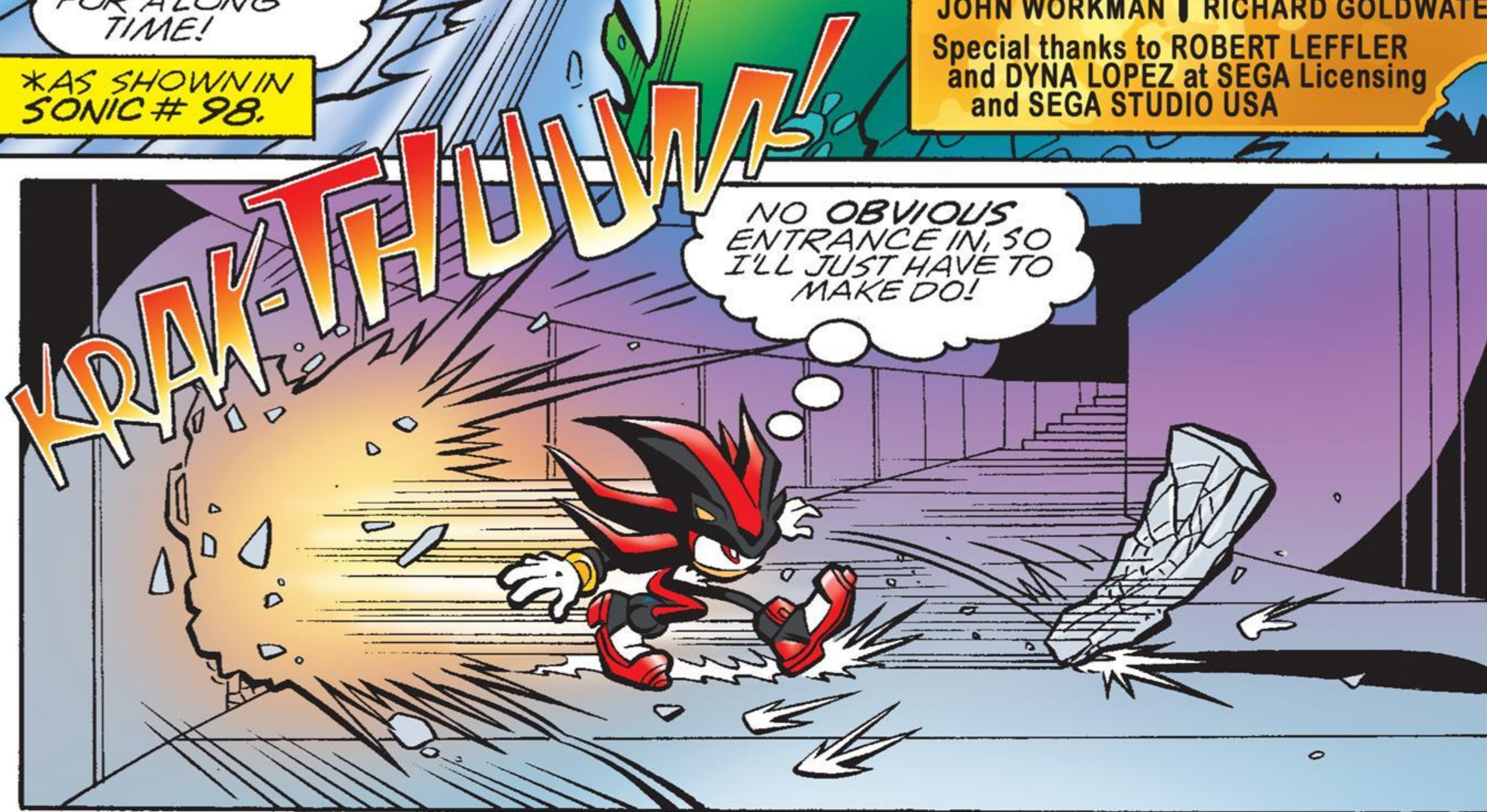
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WOULD HAVE
BUILT SUCH A
PLACE?

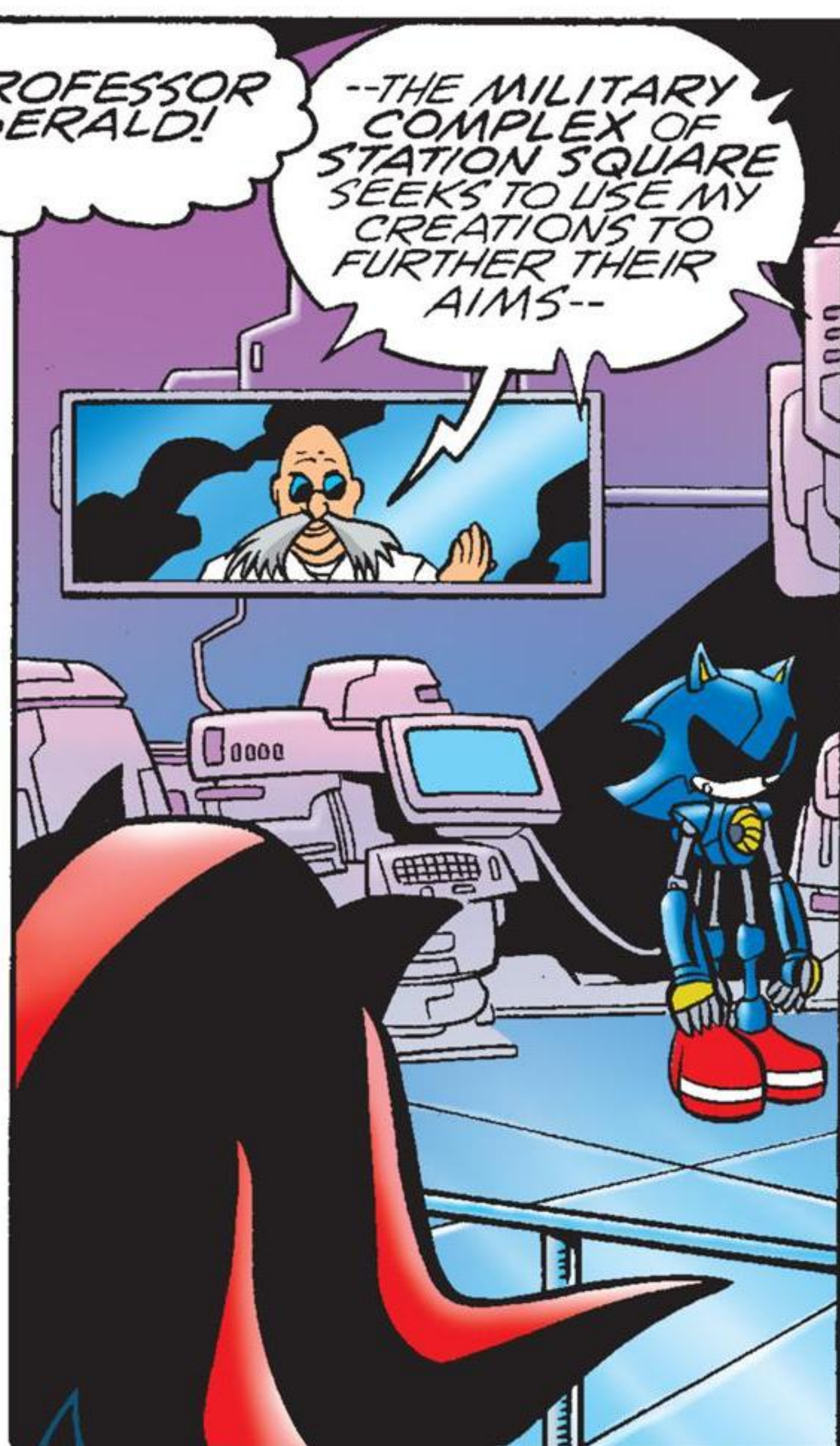
AND
FOR WHAT
PURPOSE?

UP AHEAD
--THAT
VOICE!

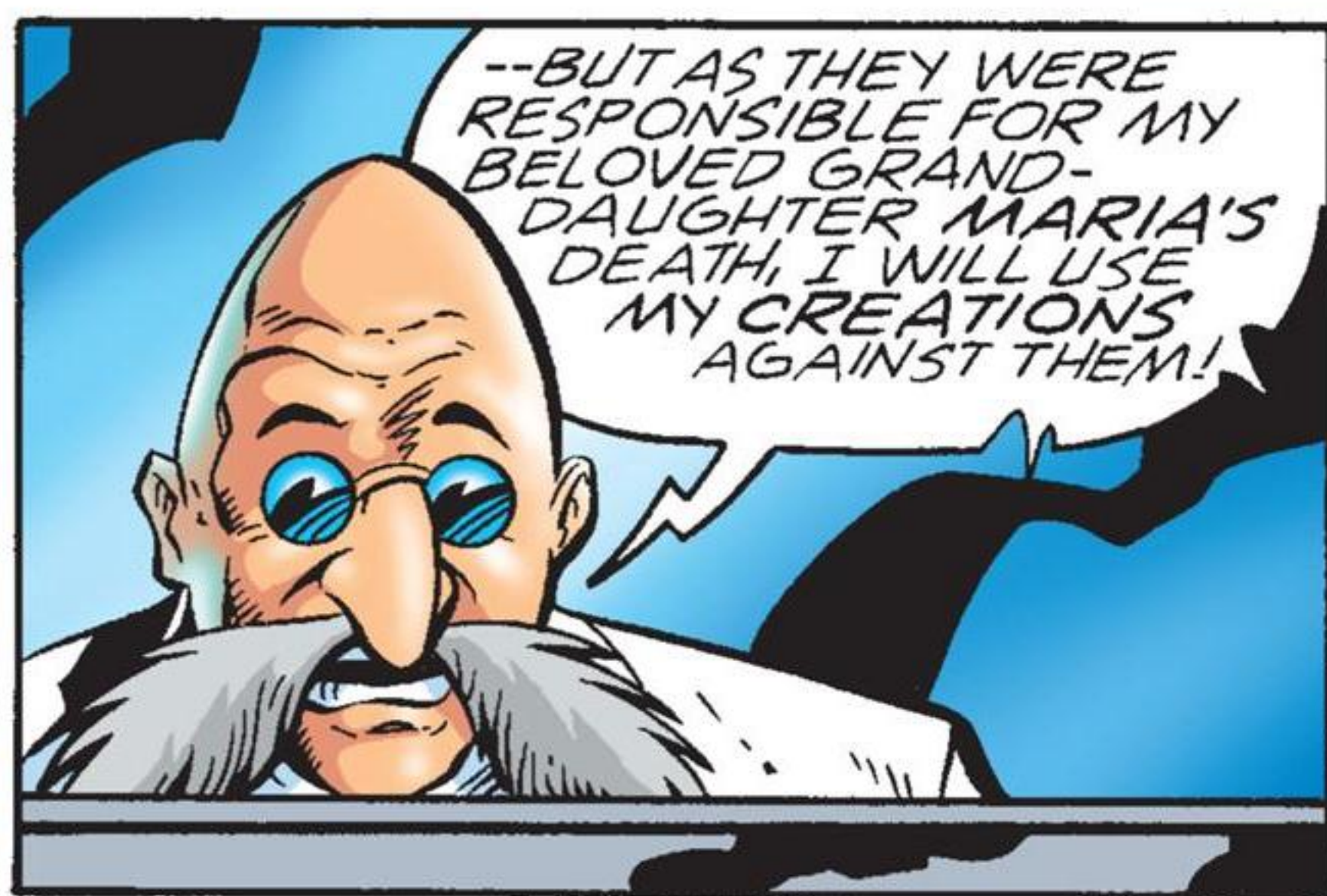


THE
ONE WHO
CREATED
ME--

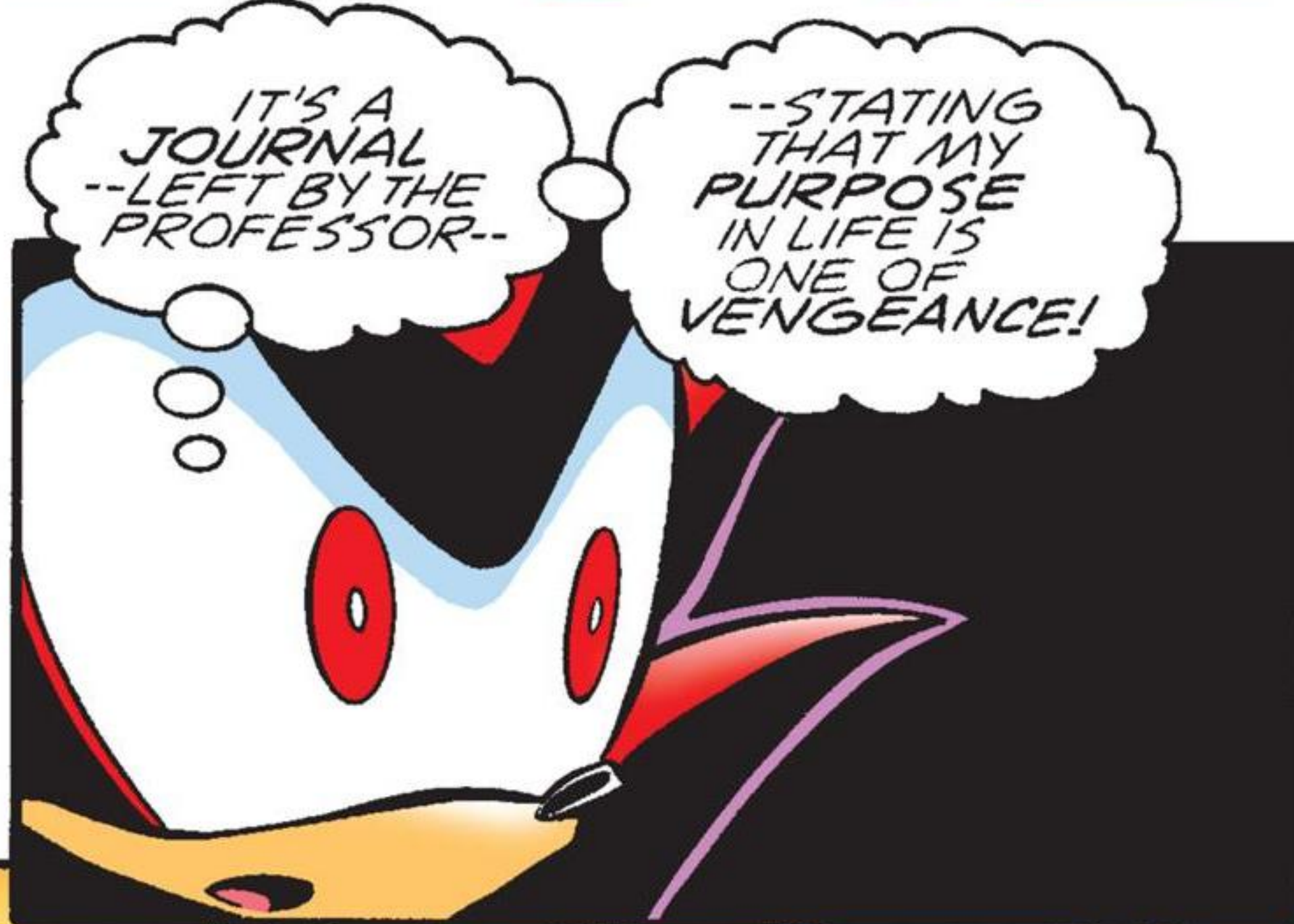
--PROFESSOR
GERALD!



--THE MILITARY
COMPLEX OF
STATION SQUARE
SEEKS TO USE MY
CREATIONS TO
FURTHER THEIR
AIMS--



--BUT AS THEY WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR MY
BELOVED GRAND-
DAUGHTER MARIA'S
DEATH, I WILL USE
MY CREATIONS
AGAINST THEM!

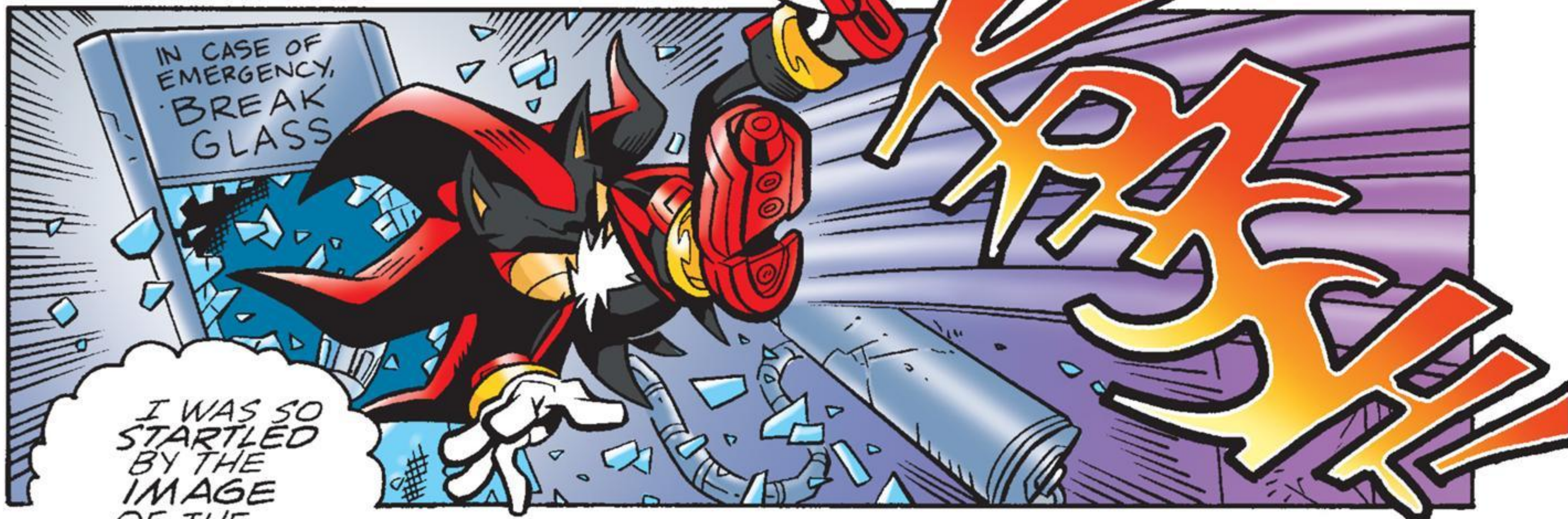


IT'S A
JOURNAL
--LEFT BY THE
PROFESSOR--

--STATING
THAT MY
PURPOSE
IN LIFE IS
ONE OF
VENGEANCE!



WHEN

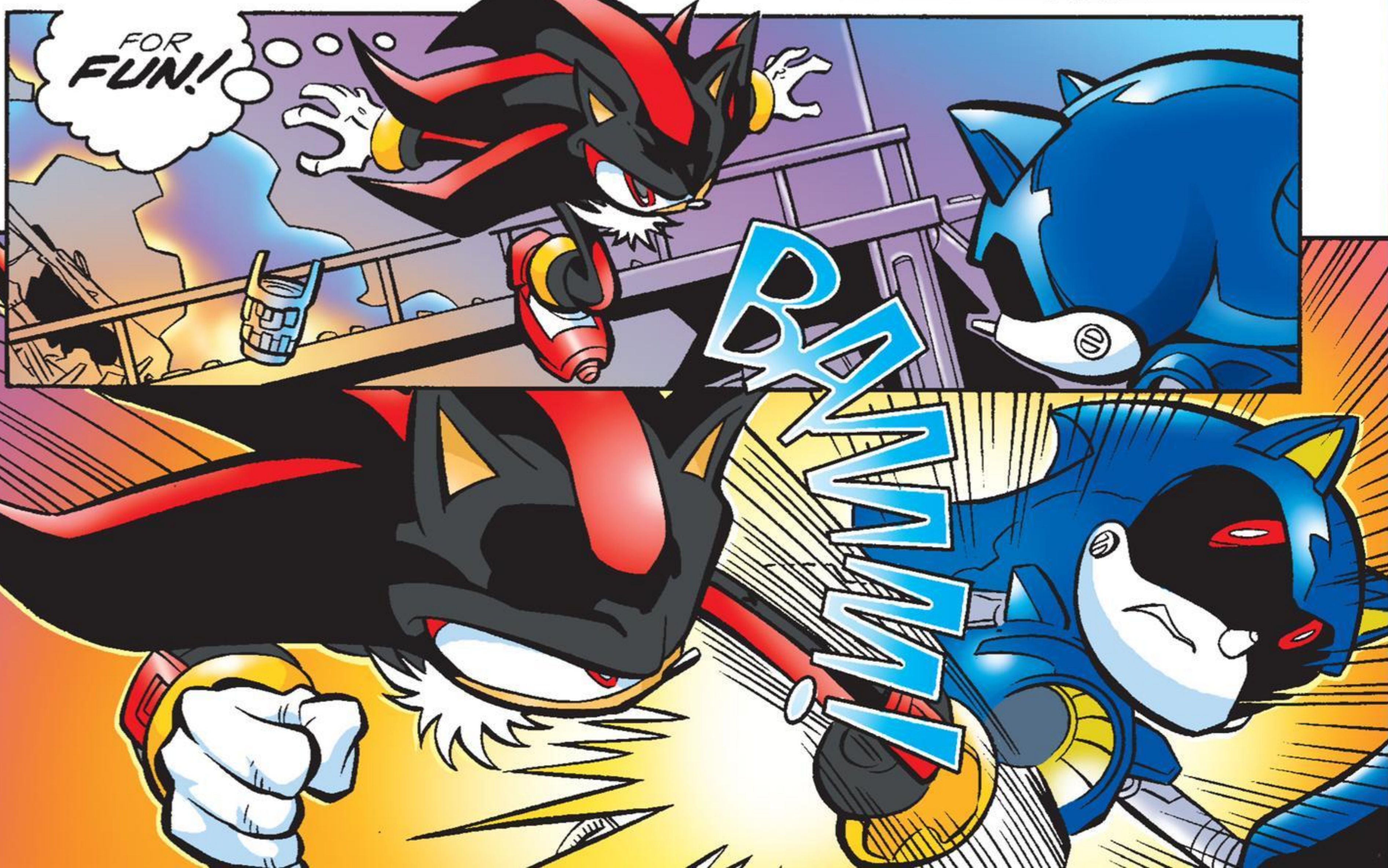
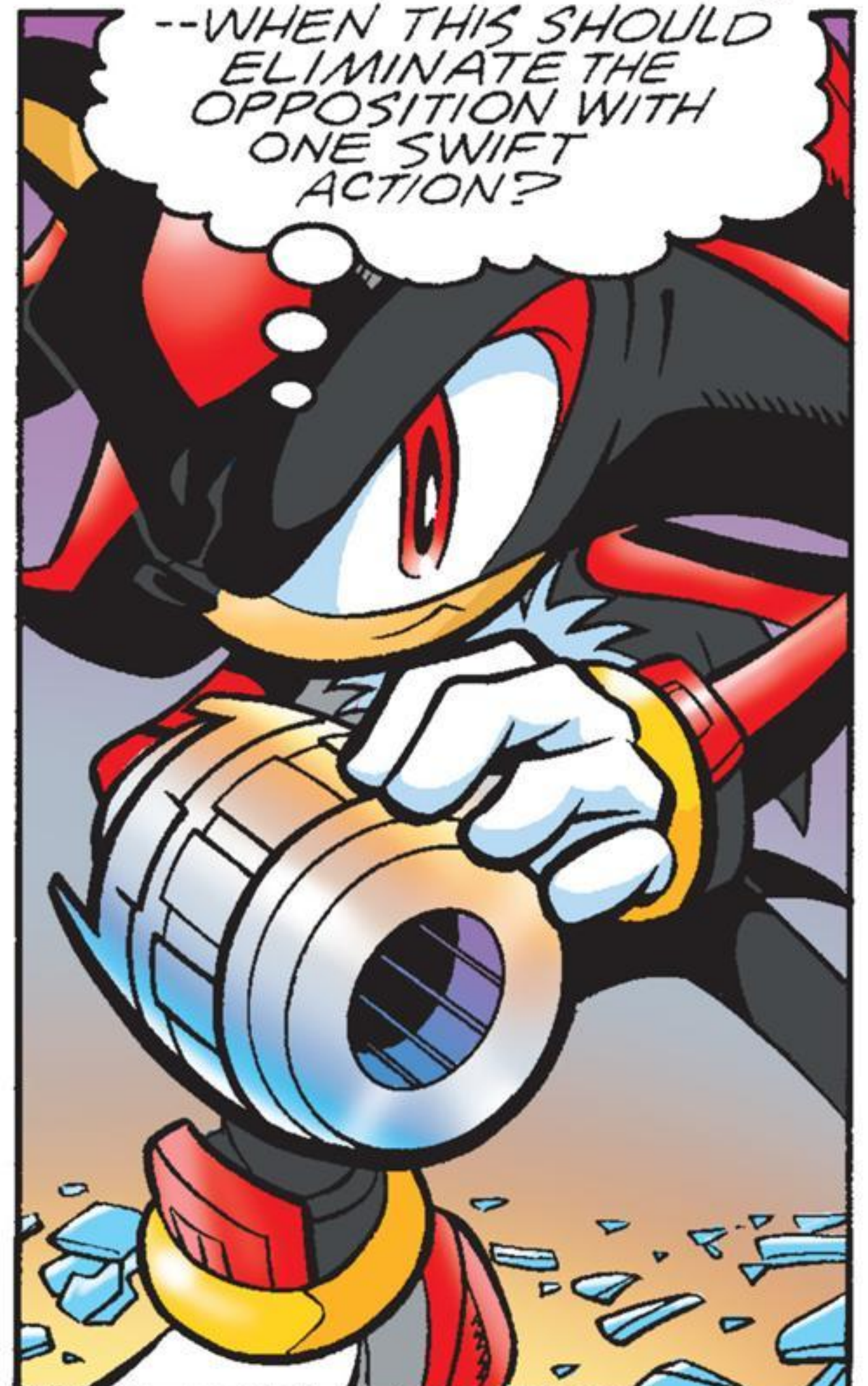


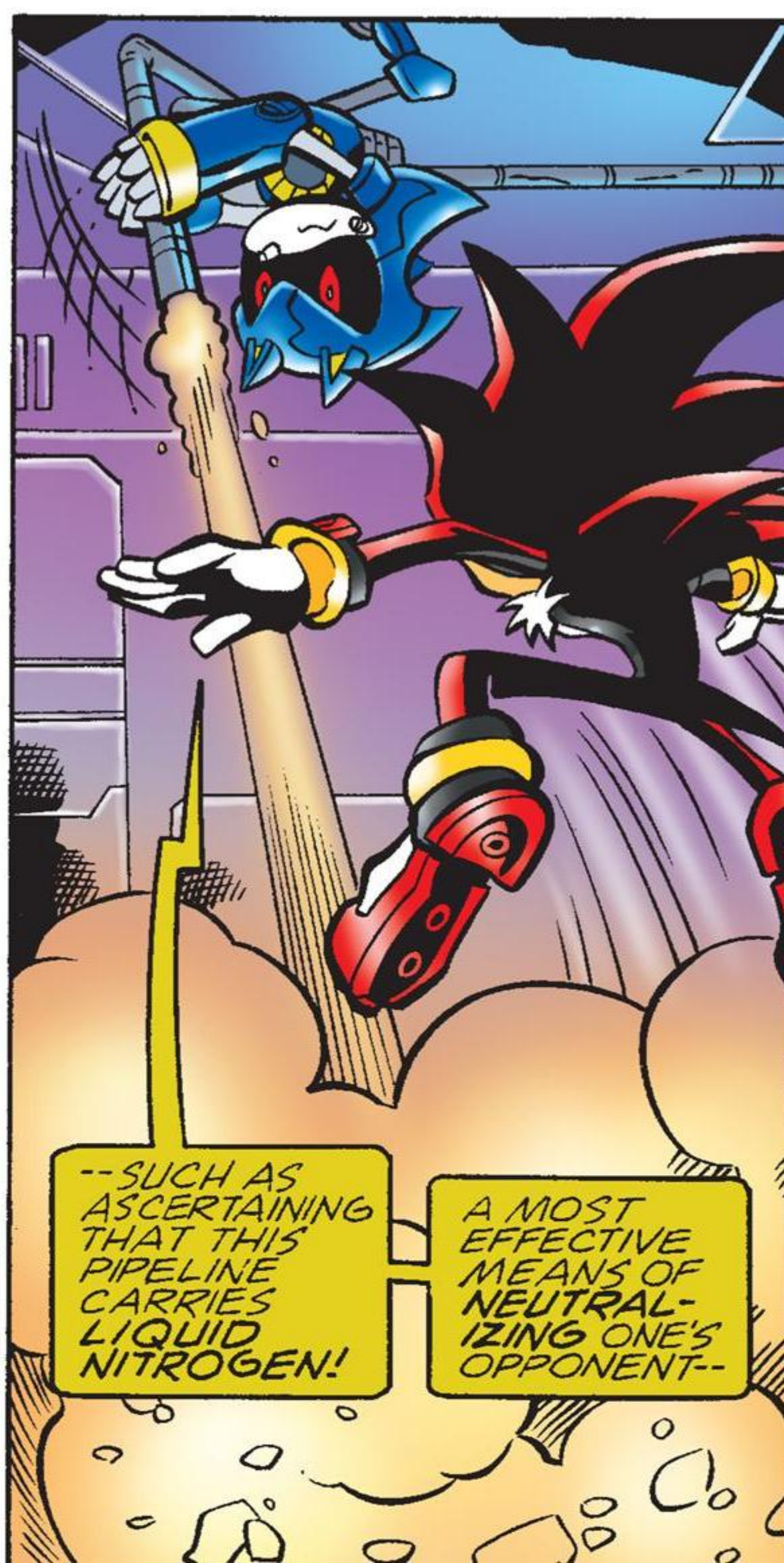
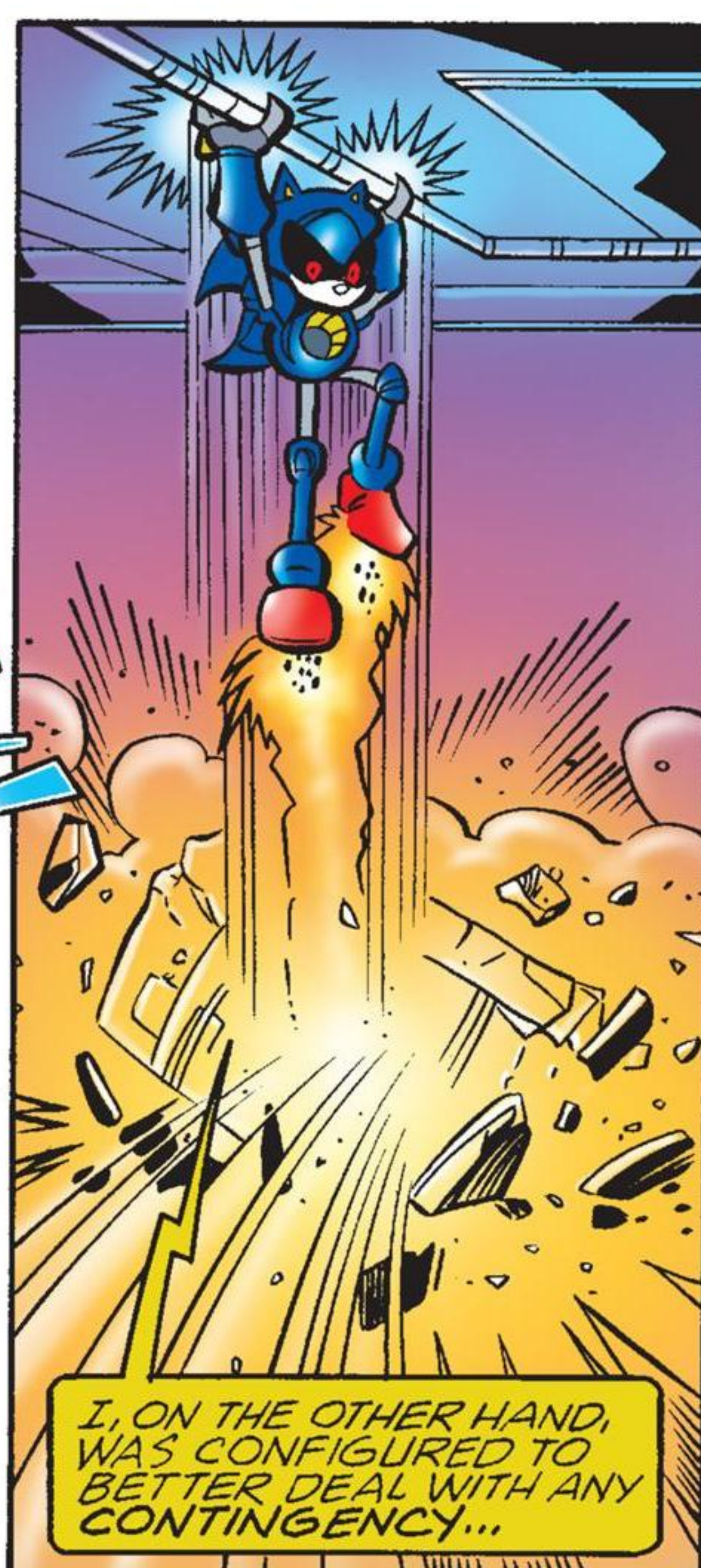
I WAS SO STARTLED BY THE IMAGE OF THE PROFESSOR--

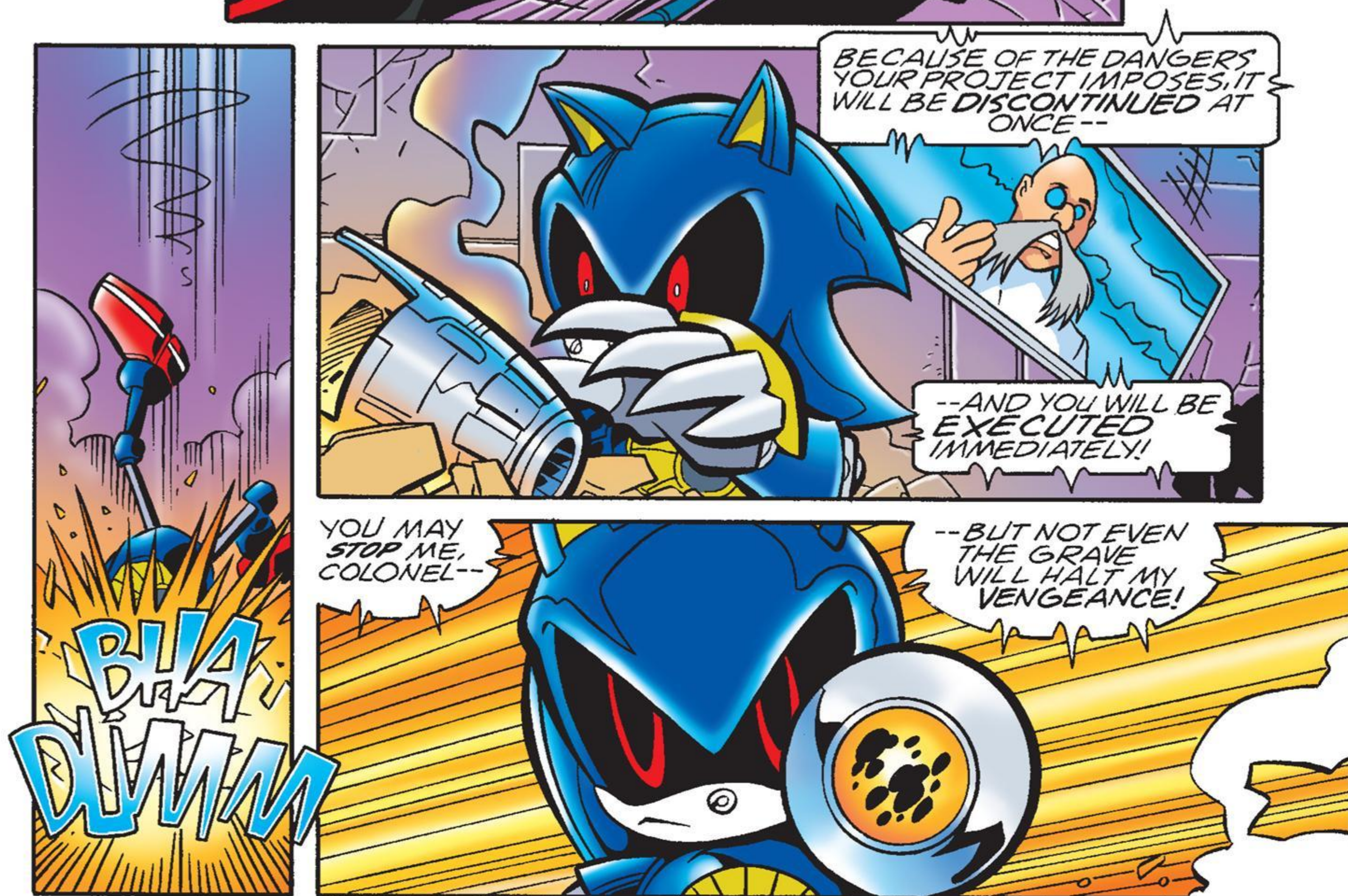
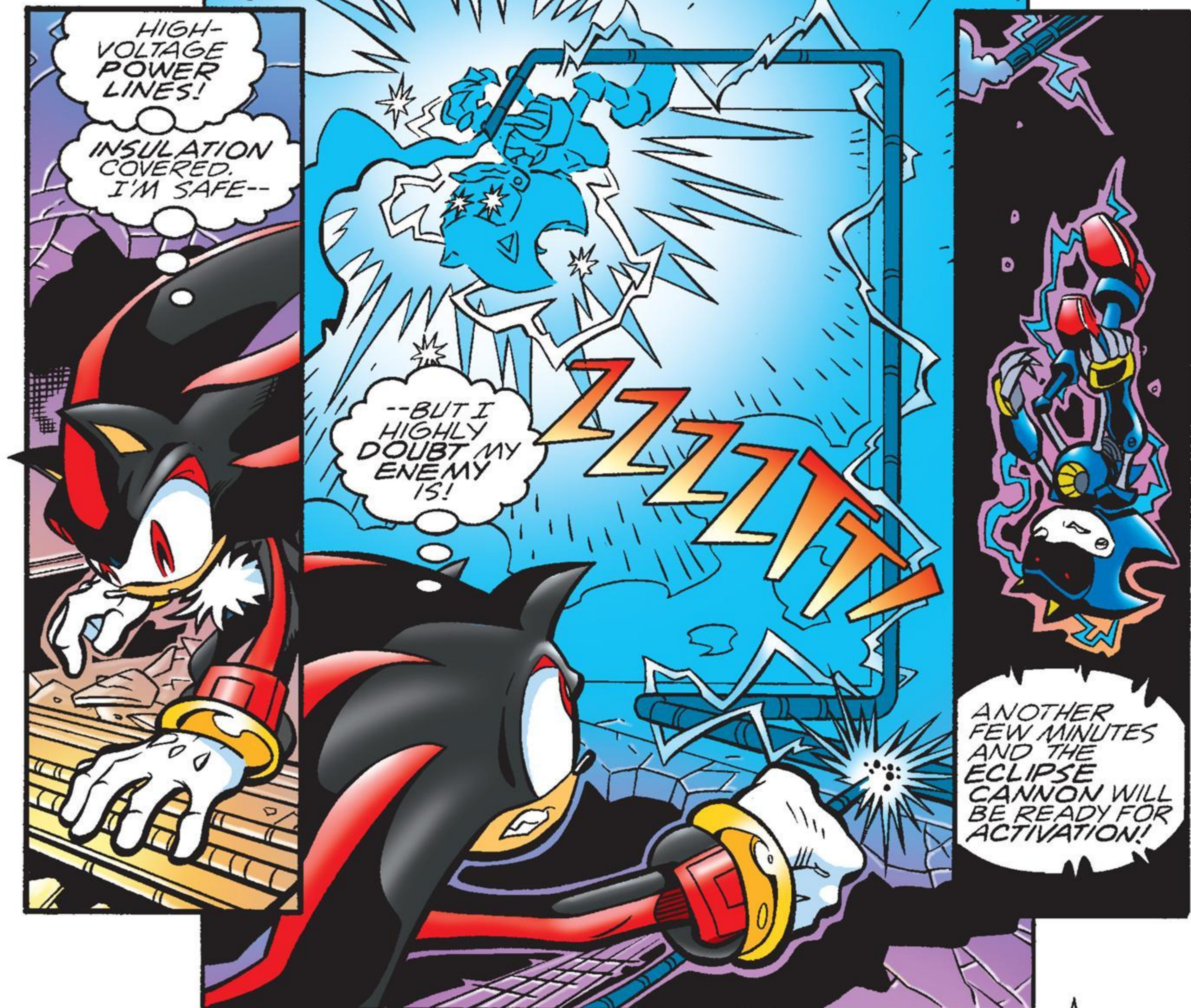
--THAT I OVERLOOKED OTHER DANGERS!

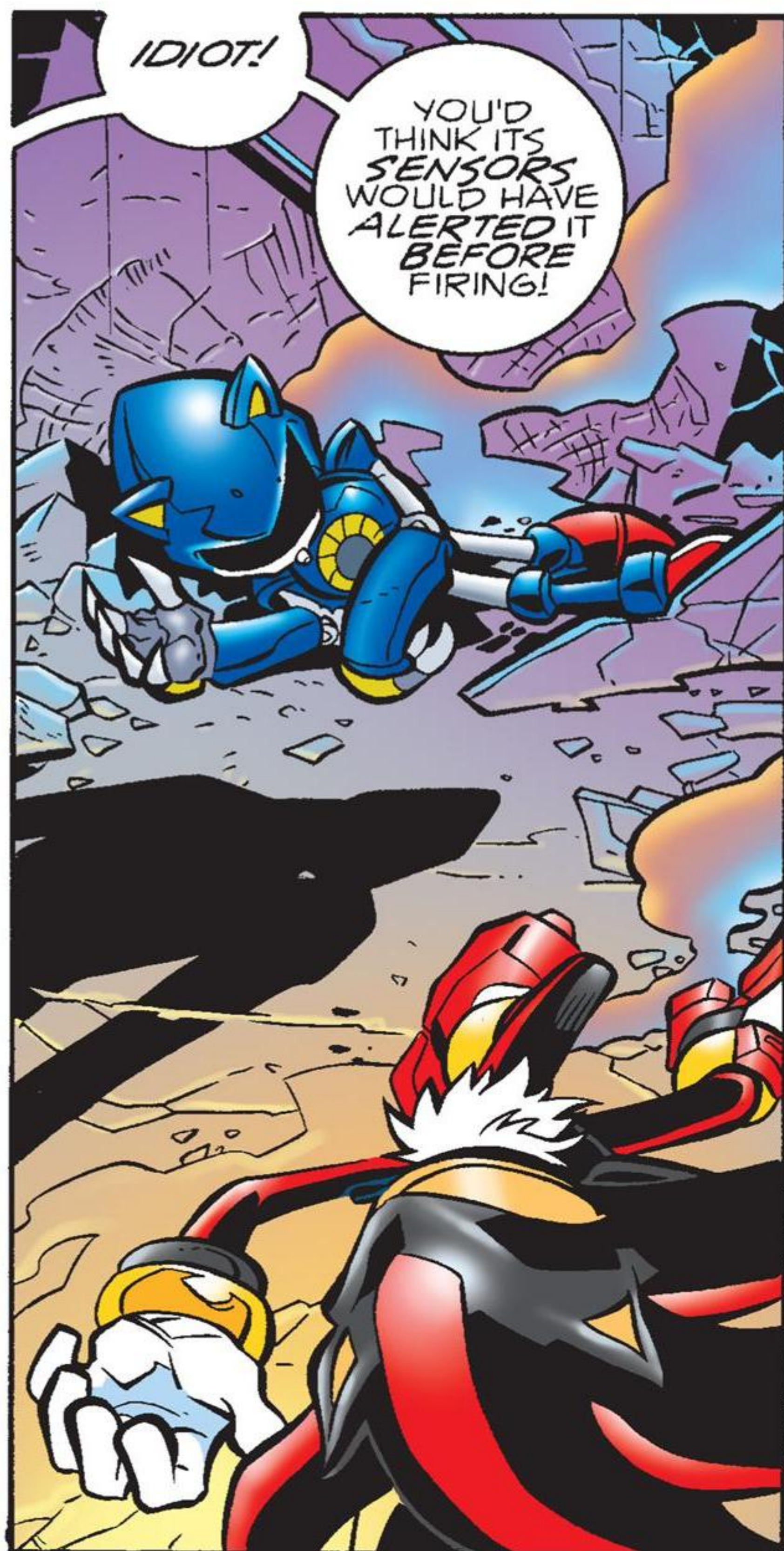
WHY WASTE ENERGY EXPENDED IN MINDLESS COMBAT--

--WHEN THIS SHOULD ELIMINATE THE OPPOSITION WITH ONE SWIFT ACTION?









IDIOT!

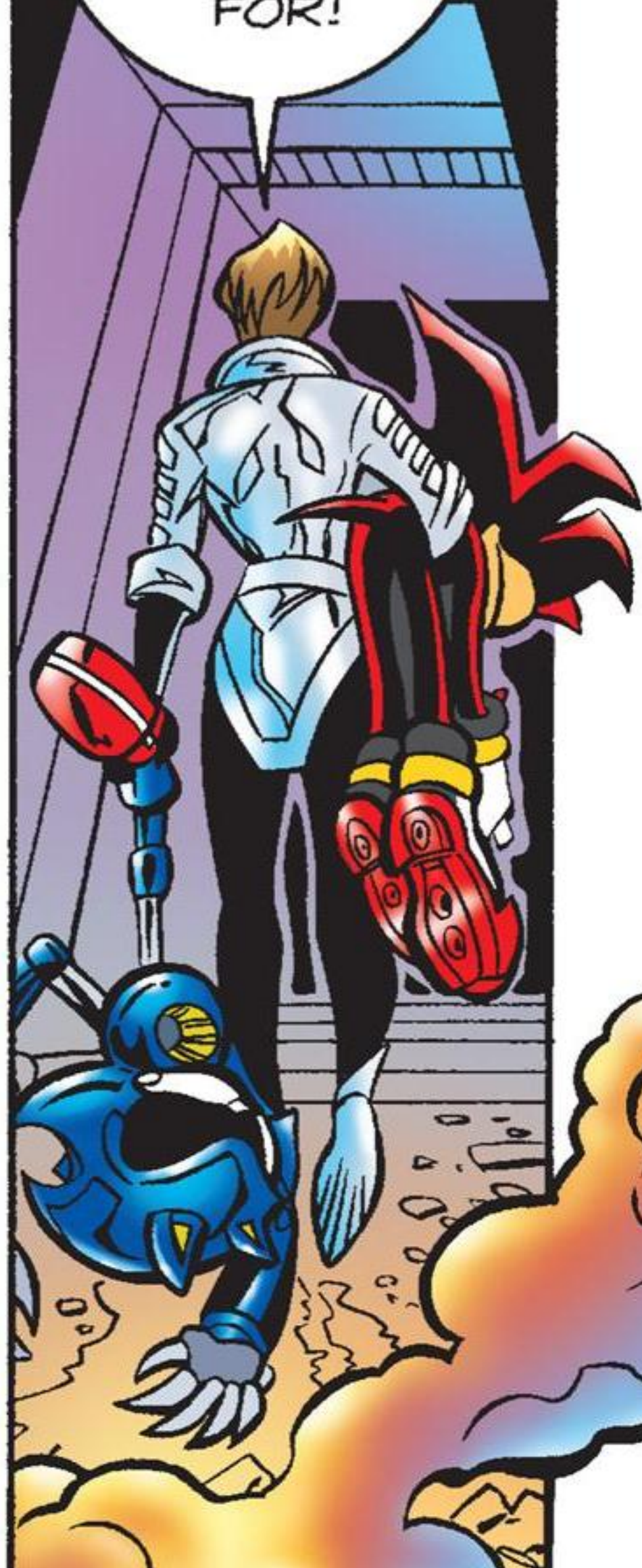
YOU'D
THINK ITS
SENSORS
WOULD HAVE
ALERTED IT
BEFORE
FIRING!

INTERESTING!
WHAT HAVE WE
HERE?

A
HEDGEHOG
--BUT NOT
SONIC!

I'LL
LEAVE IT
TO FATHER
TO FIGURE
OUT THIS
ONE--

--AS WELL
AS DEALING
WITH THE
METAL
MORON
IF HE
DAMAGED
THE DATA
FILES
WE CAME
FOR!



THE NORMAL HUMMING AND CLICKING SOUNDS HEARD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT IN THE NERVE CENTER OF A HIGHLY-ADVANCED BASE OF OPERATIONS IS PIERCED WITH THE SUDDEN BURST OF THE KLAXOM ALARM SOUNDING!

BRRP-BRRP-

NOT LONG AGO, THE RESPONSE WOULD BE IMMEDIATE AND DECISIVE--

--BUT THAT WAS BEFORE DR. ROBOTNIK WAS RECONSTRUCTED IN HUMAN FORM...*

ZZZZZZ

SN--Huh?

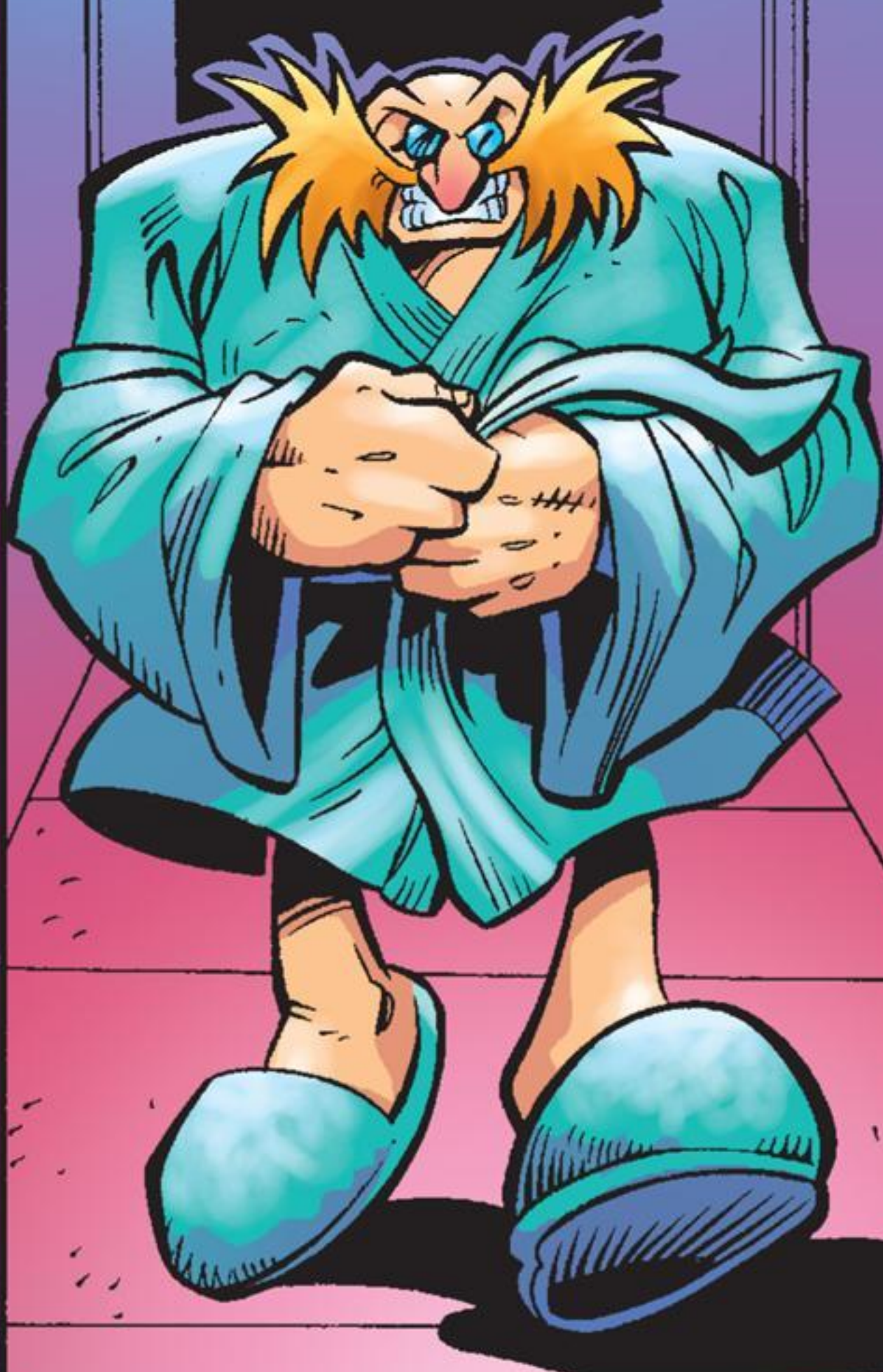
WHA-?!

BRRP-

*WAY BACK IN SONIC #118!

ENOUGH, ALREADY!

BRRP-BRRP-



ALARM OFF!

BRRP-BRRP-BRRP-

CON-FOUNDED VOICE RECOGNITION SENSOR!

A MAN JUST CAN'T GET A DECENT NIGHT'S SLEEP IN THIS PLACE!

IF I REMAIN IN THIS FORM MUCH LONGER, I'LL GO MAD!

DRASTIC MEASURES ARE CALLED FOR!

BUT WHAT?

NO!

IT ISN'T POSSIBLE--!

BRRP-BRRP-

BRRP-BRRP-BRRP!

I DIDN'T
MEAN *THIS*
DRASTIC!

WHAT
DOES IT
MEAN?

At exactly 12:00:00 AM on the current
calendar year 3237, Dr. Robotnik will
undergo a...

SYSTEM SHUTDOWN

KEN
PONDERS
writer

RON
LIM
pencils

JIM
AMASH
inks

JACK
MORELLI
letters

JASON
JENSEN
colors

MIKE
PELLERITO
editor

WHERE
DID THIS
ORIGINATE?

A.D.A.M.,
MAKE YOUR-
SELF USEFUL!
FIRST, DISABLE
THE ALARM--

--AND SECOND, REPORT ANY
AND ALL DATA RELEVANT
TO THE CURRENT INCOMING
TRANSMISSION!

COMPLYING.

BRR 

MUCH
BETTER!
CONTINUE!

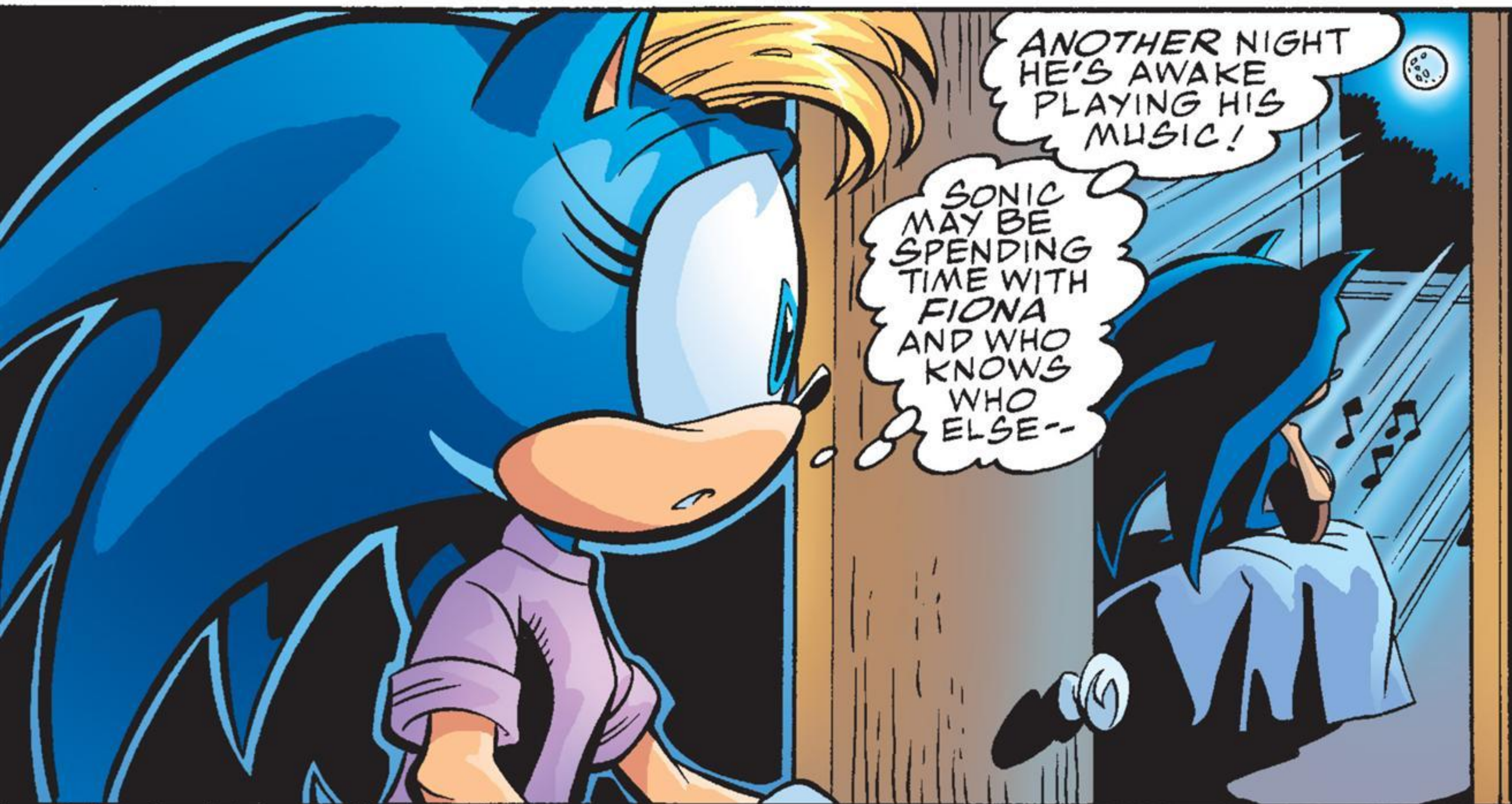
ORIGIN OF MESSAGE
UNKNOWN. TRACING
MULTIPLE RELAY SITES --
IMPOSSIBLE TO
DETERMINE INITIAL
POINT. AS IT STANDS--



"--YOU'LL BE THE LEAST OF SONIC'S CONCERNS IN NINETEEN HOURS, FOURTEEN MINUTES AND 32.3 SECONDS!"

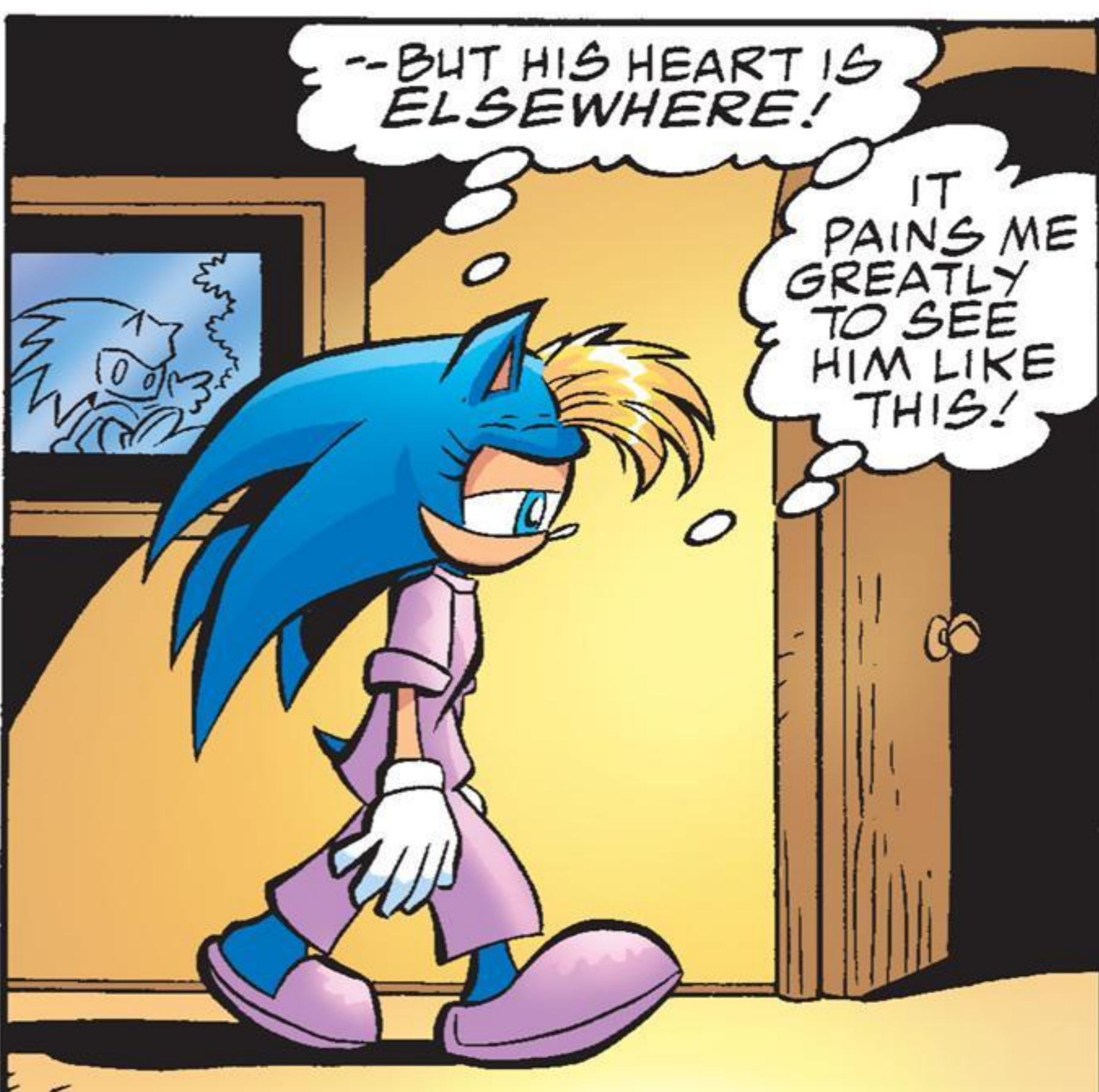


ALL THE BATTLES FOUGHT AND WON,
THE FRIENDS WHO'VE COME AND GONE,
THE TIMES I'VE SPENT APART WITHOUT YOU--



ANOTHER NIGHT HE'S AWAKE
PLAYING HIS MUSIC!

SONIC MAY BE SPENDING
TIME WITH FIONA
AND WHO KNOWS WHO ELSE--



--BUT HIS HEART IS ELSEWHERE!

IT PAINS ME GREATLY TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS!



I KNOW IT'S BEST TO LEAVE HIM ALONE!

OUR SON MISSES PRINCESS SALLY!

THAT OBVIOUS, DEAR?

I SHOULD SPEAK
TO THE BOY FATHER
TO SON, BERNIE!

YOU'LL DO NO
SUCH THING,
JULES!

SONIC AND
SALLY NEED
TO WORK
THINGS OUT
THEM-
SELVES!*

WHAT
SONIC
REALLY
NEEDS--

*SEE THE BIG BREAK
UP IN SONIC #134.

"--IS SOMETHING
TO FOCUS ON
BESIDES FIGHTING
ROBOTNIK..."

PERHAPS THROUGH
THE PROCESS OF
ELIMINATION WE CAN
FIGURE OUT WHO
WOULD DARE TO
THREATEN ME!

YOUR NEPHEW
SHIVELY IS THE
LIKELIEST
CANDIDATE...
WITH A PROBA-
BILITY FACTOR
IN THE 90th
PERCENTILE
RANGE.

AGREED, A.D.A.M.,
HOWEVER--

--THERE'S AN
EQUALLY VALID
POSSIBILITY KING
MAX MAY BE
BEHIND THIS, OR
HIS DAUGHTER
SALLY!--

--TO SAY NOTHING OF
THAT BLASTED GUARD-
IAN OF ANGEL ISLAND,
KNUCKLES! NOT EXACTLY
A LOT OF LOVE LOST
THERE, WOULDN'T YOU
SAY?

PERHAPS BY TAKING A BOLD, PRE-
EMPTIVE ACTION, YOU WILL DRAW
YOUR WOULD BE ASSAILANT OUT
OF HIDING--THUS
GIVING YOU AN EQUAL
FOOTING AGAINST
YOUR FOE!

BOLD, PRE-
EMPTIVE
ACTION, YOU
SAY? Hmm...



LATER THAT MORNING...

IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY WE'LL HAVE A PICNIC LATER, HOPE!

AWESOME, ROSIE! I JUST LOVE PICNICS!



HEY!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUN?!

Oh, MY!



MAN, AM I IN A FUNK OR WHAT?

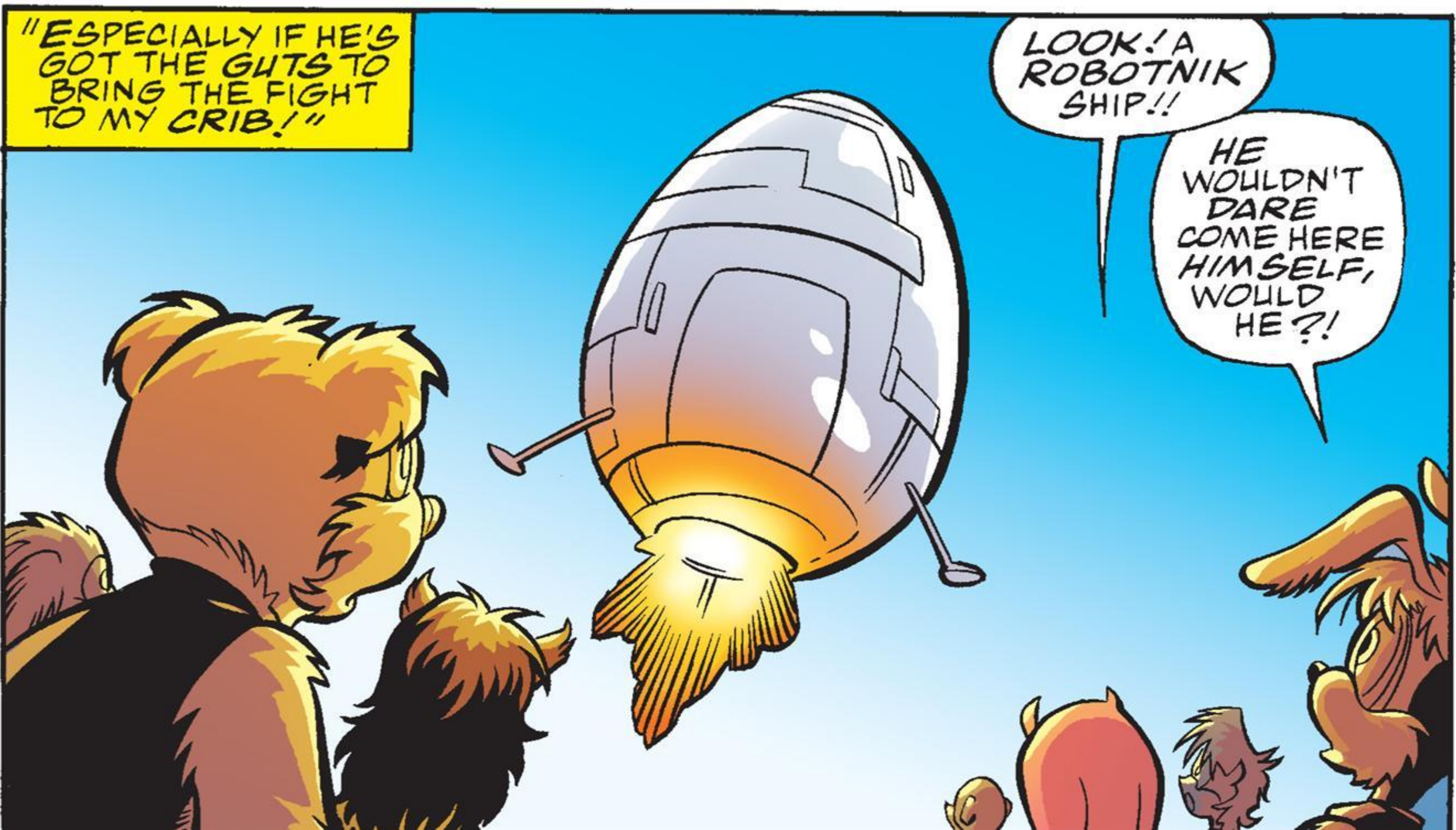
I DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING!

HEY!!

TOTAL ECLIPSE TIME!



SCRATCH THAT!
I'M ALWAYS IN THE MOOD FOR SERIOUS ROBO-BUTT KICKING!



"ESPECIALLY IF HE'S GOT THE GUTS TO BRING THE FIGHT TO MY CRIB!"

LOOK! A ROBOTNIK SHIP!!

HE WOULDN'T DARE COME HERE HIMSELF, WOULD HE?!



!GASP!

IT'S HIM!
IT'S REALLY
HIM!!

WHAT
DO WE
DO?!

I DUNNO!
SOUND THE
ALARM?
ATTACK?

WHERE ARE
THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS?!

SOMEBODY
GET
SONIC!



I SUGGEST WE
DO NOTHING--UNTIL
HE EITHER MAKES
TROUBLE OR WE HEAR
FROM THE KING!

ROTOR!!
BUT--BUT--
WE'RE THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!!



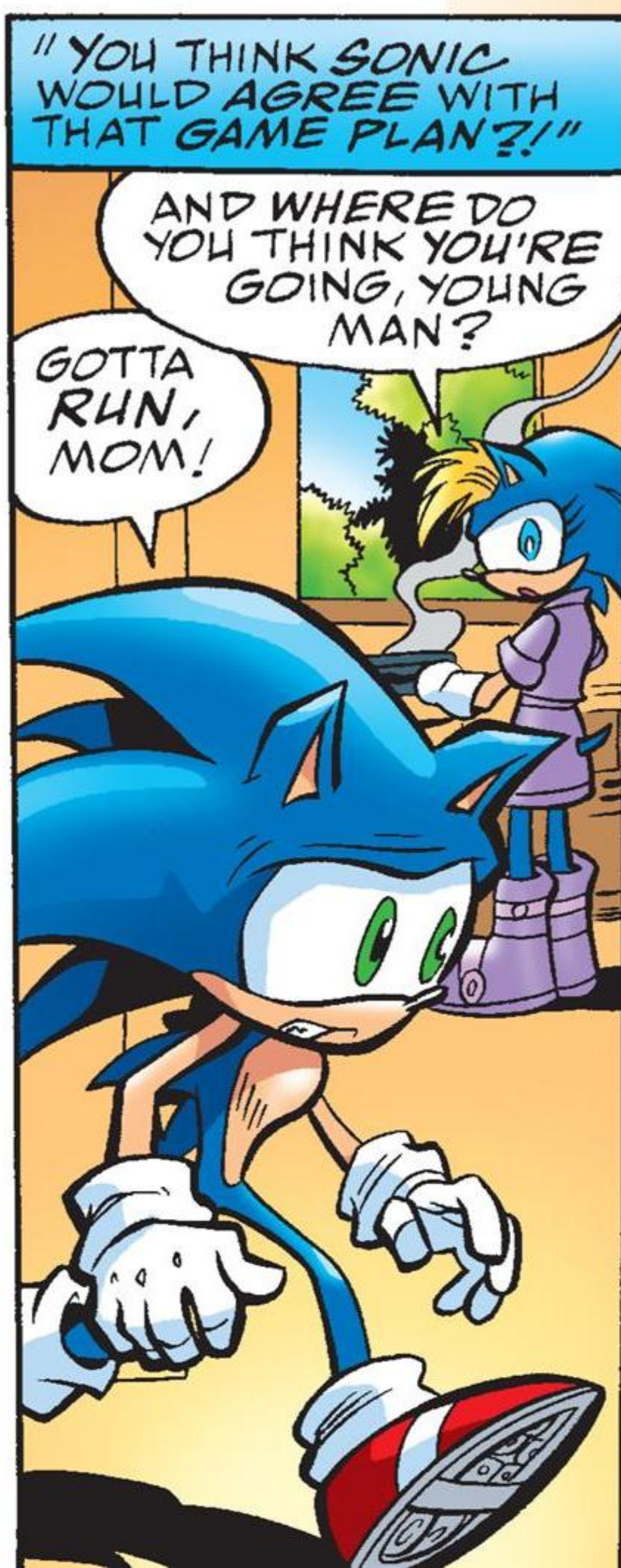
BUT WHAT?!
APPARENTLY
HE'S COMMITTED
NO HOSTILE
ACTION--

HE'S
EVIL!!



AND UNTIL HE
DOES, WE TREAT
HIM AS WE WOULD
ANY VISITOR!

ARE YOU
NUTS?



"YOU THINK SONIC
WOULD AGREE WITH
THAT GAME PLAN?!"

AND WHERE DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
GOING, YOUNG
MAN?

GOTTA
RUN,
MOM!



NOT SO FAST! DID YOU
HAVE ANY BREAKFAST?

Uh... Umm...
Er... NO.

THEN
YOU'RE
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE UNTIL
YOU'VE HAD A
DECENT MEAL!



WHAT?

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!



I'M STILL YOUR MOTHER!

I KNOW YOU'RE TOUGH! YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN IN MANY BATTLES OURSELVES! AND BREAKFAST IS A MUST!



WE WERE CAPTURED BY ROBOTNIK FOR YEARS, BUT I CAN MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME!

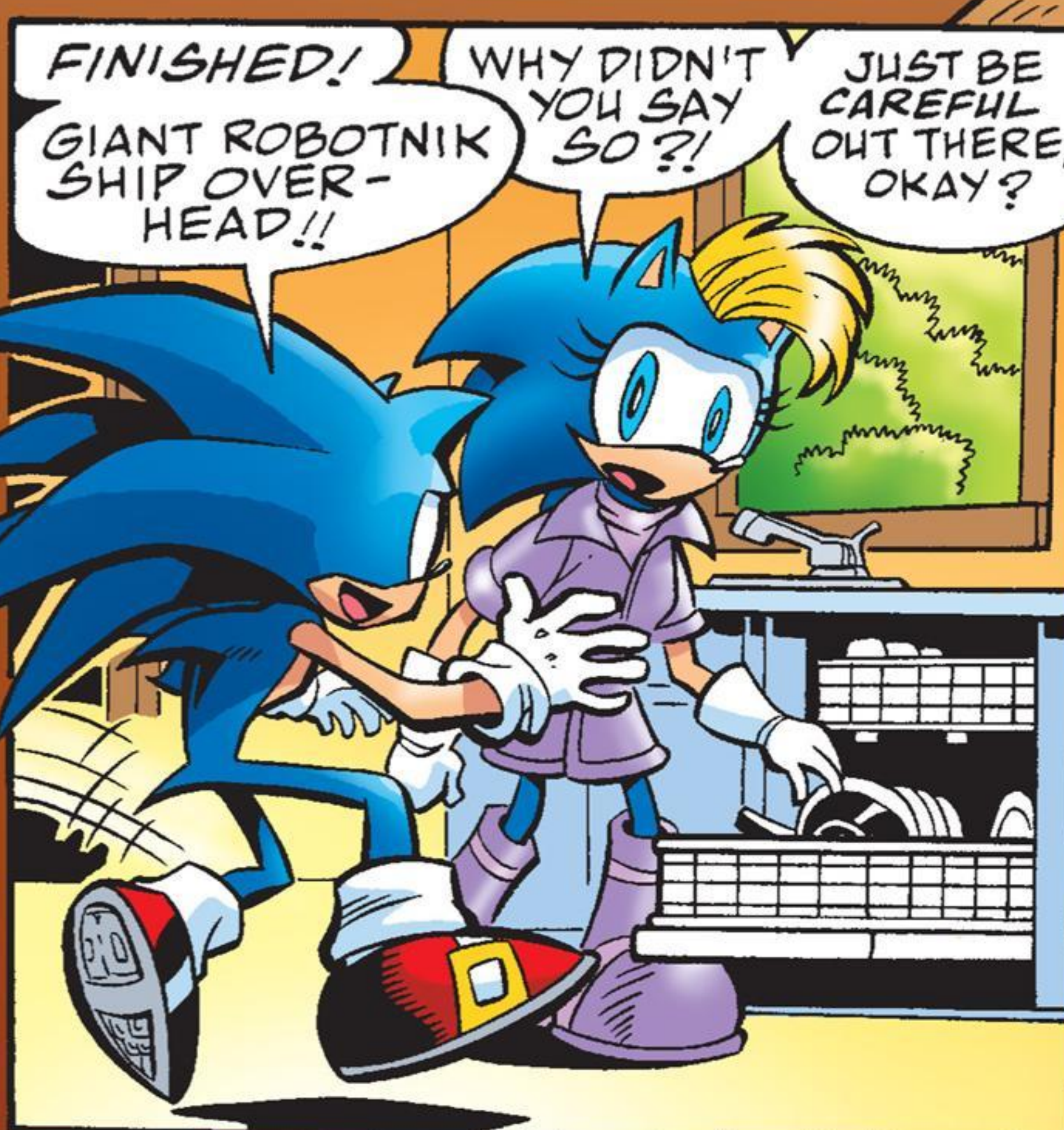
NOW HAVE SOME FLAP-JACKS!



SONIC! YOU SHOULDN'T WOLF DOWN YOUR FOOD!

BUT, MOM--
Chomp! Chomp!

AND TRY NOT TO SPEAK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL!



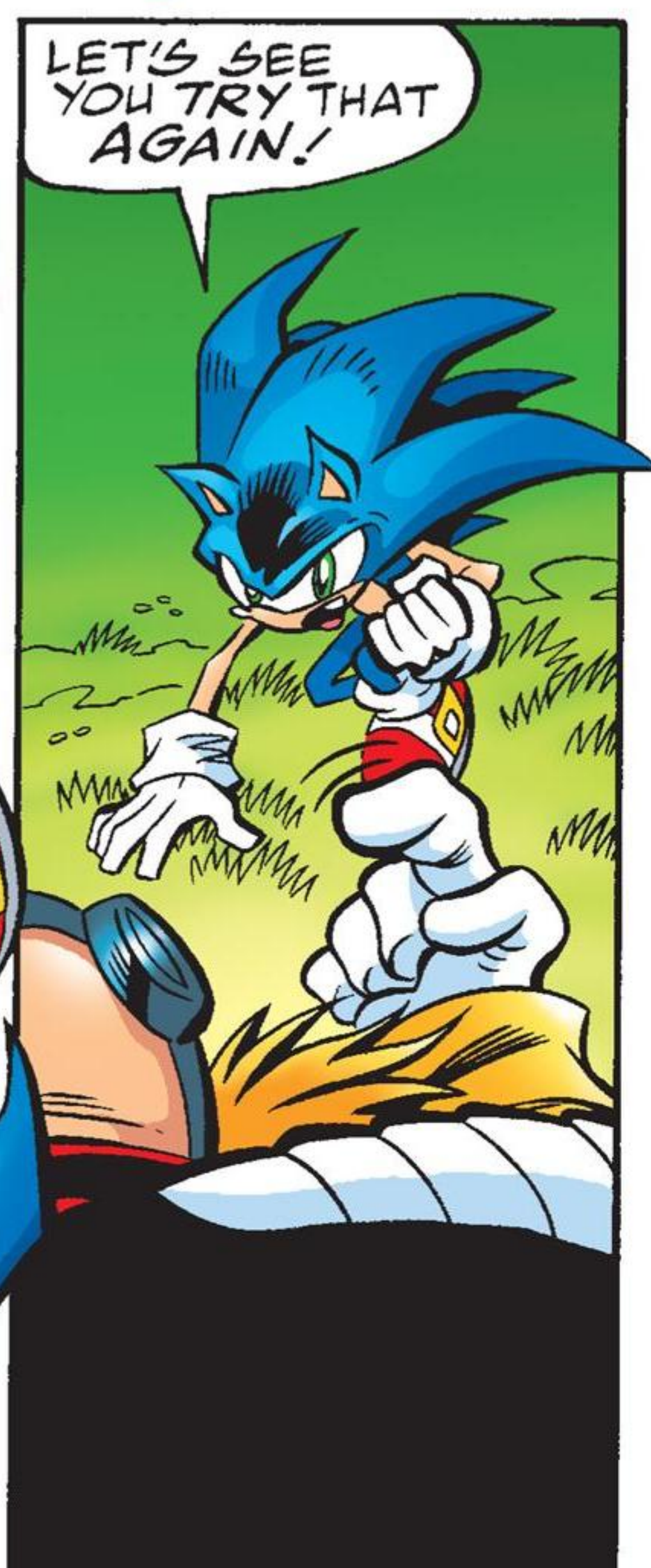
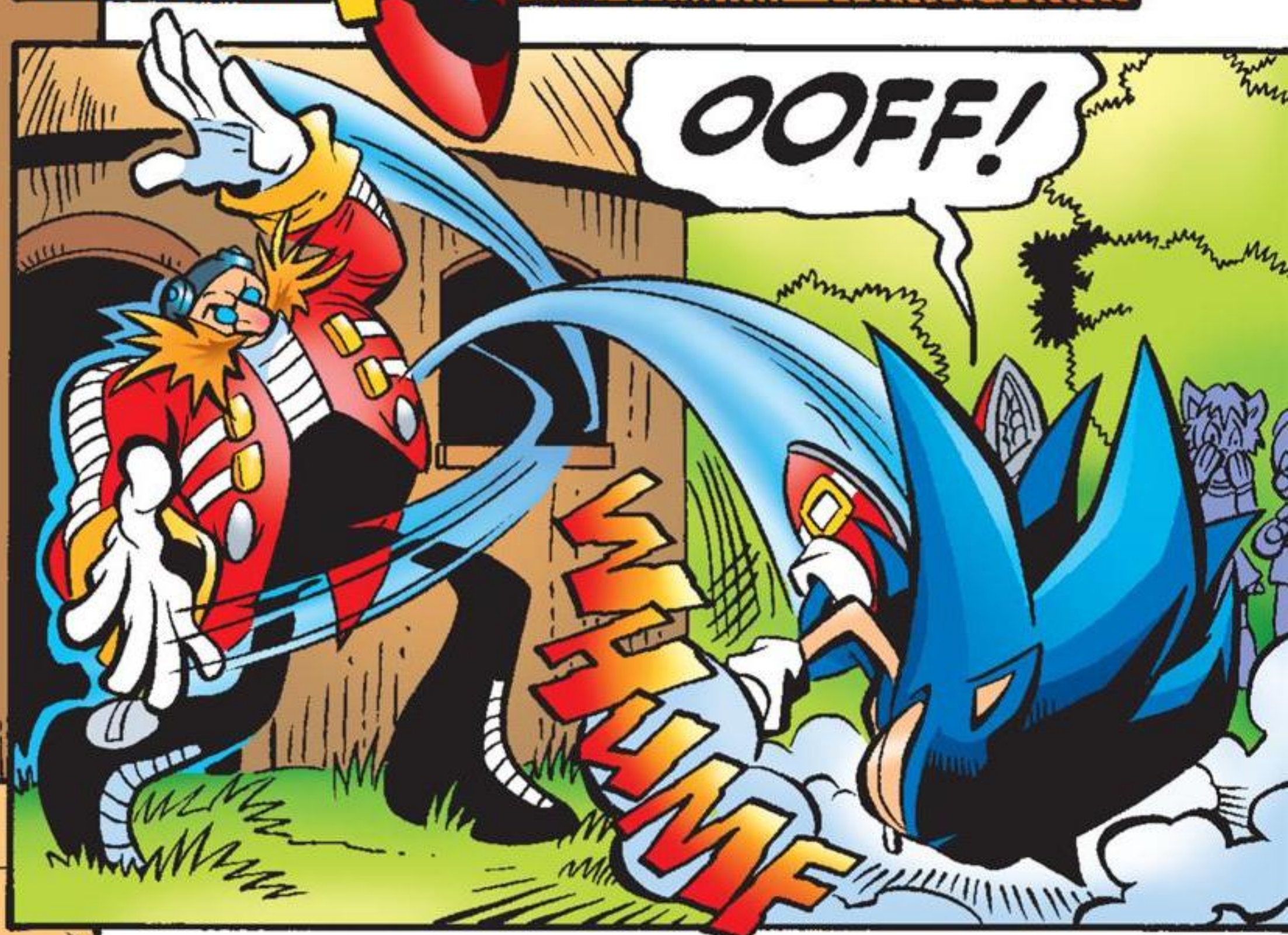
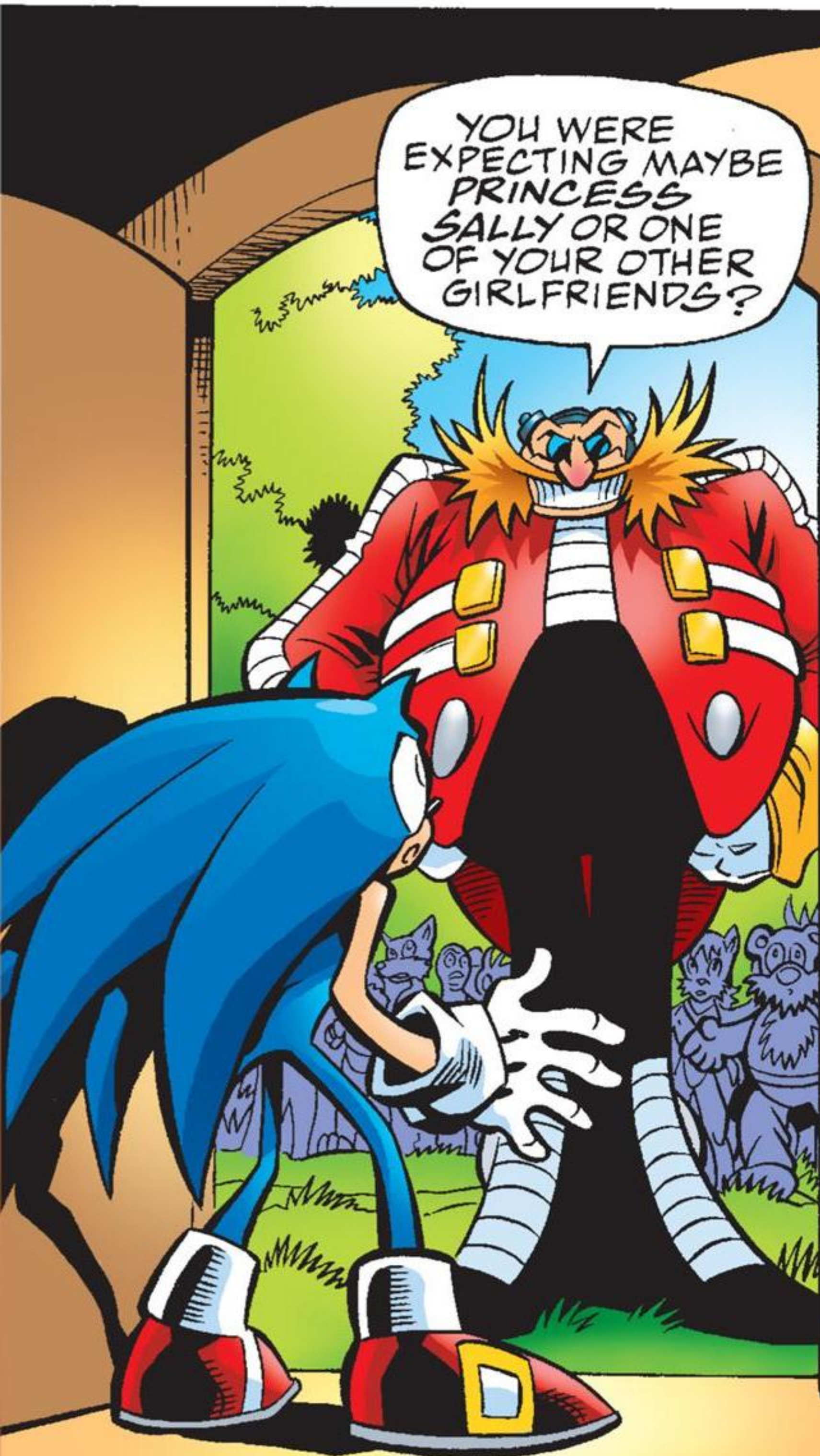
FINISHED!
GIANT ROBOTNIK SHIP OVER-HEAD!!

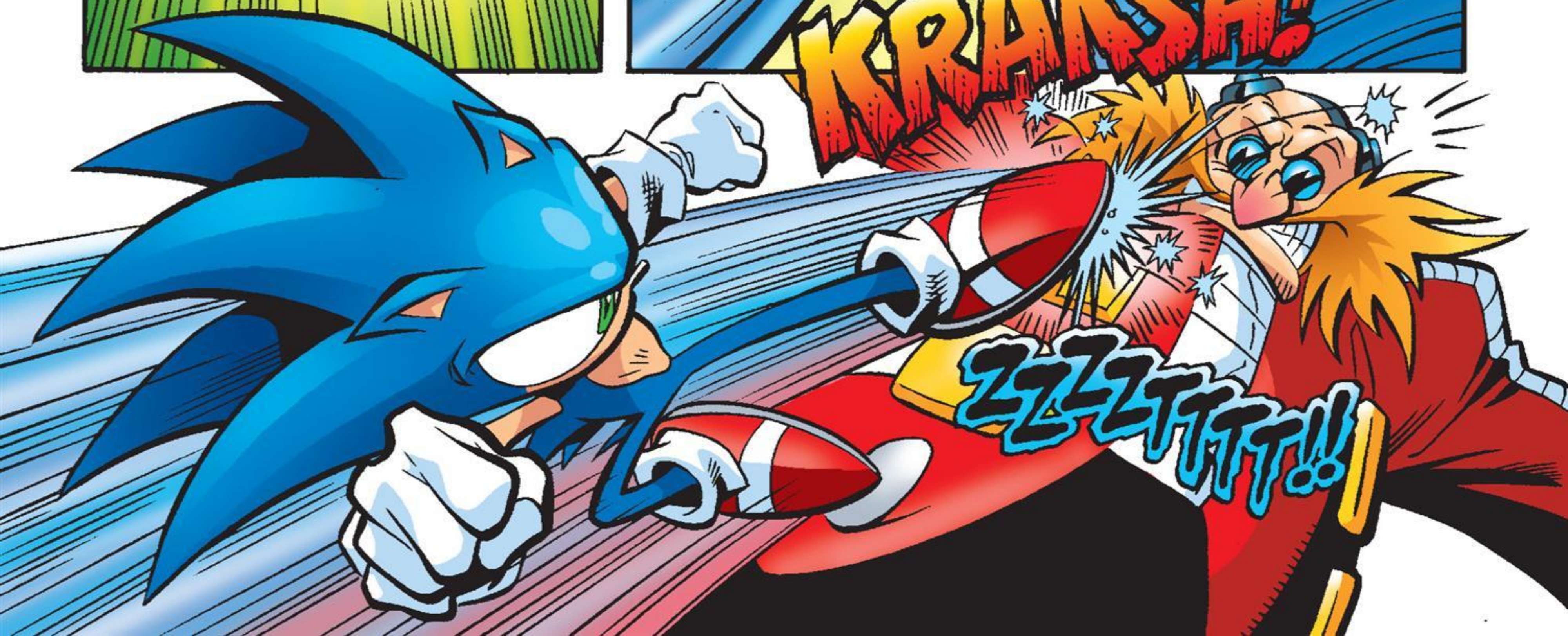
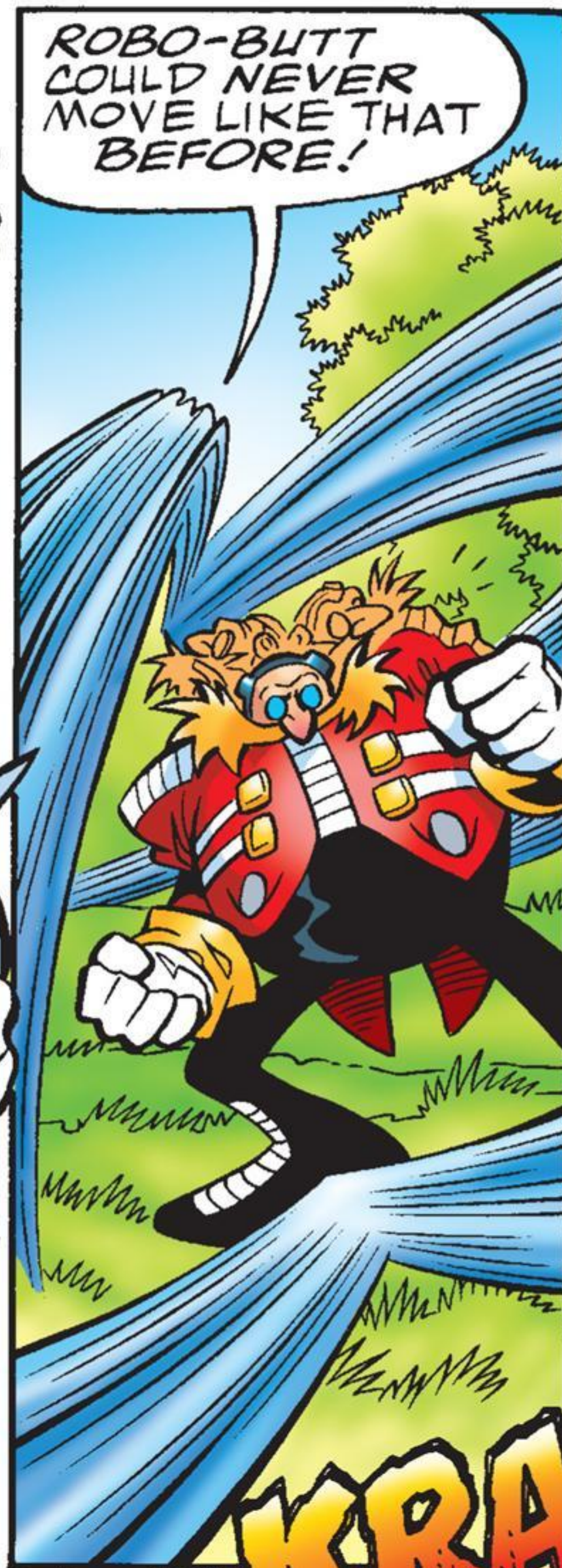
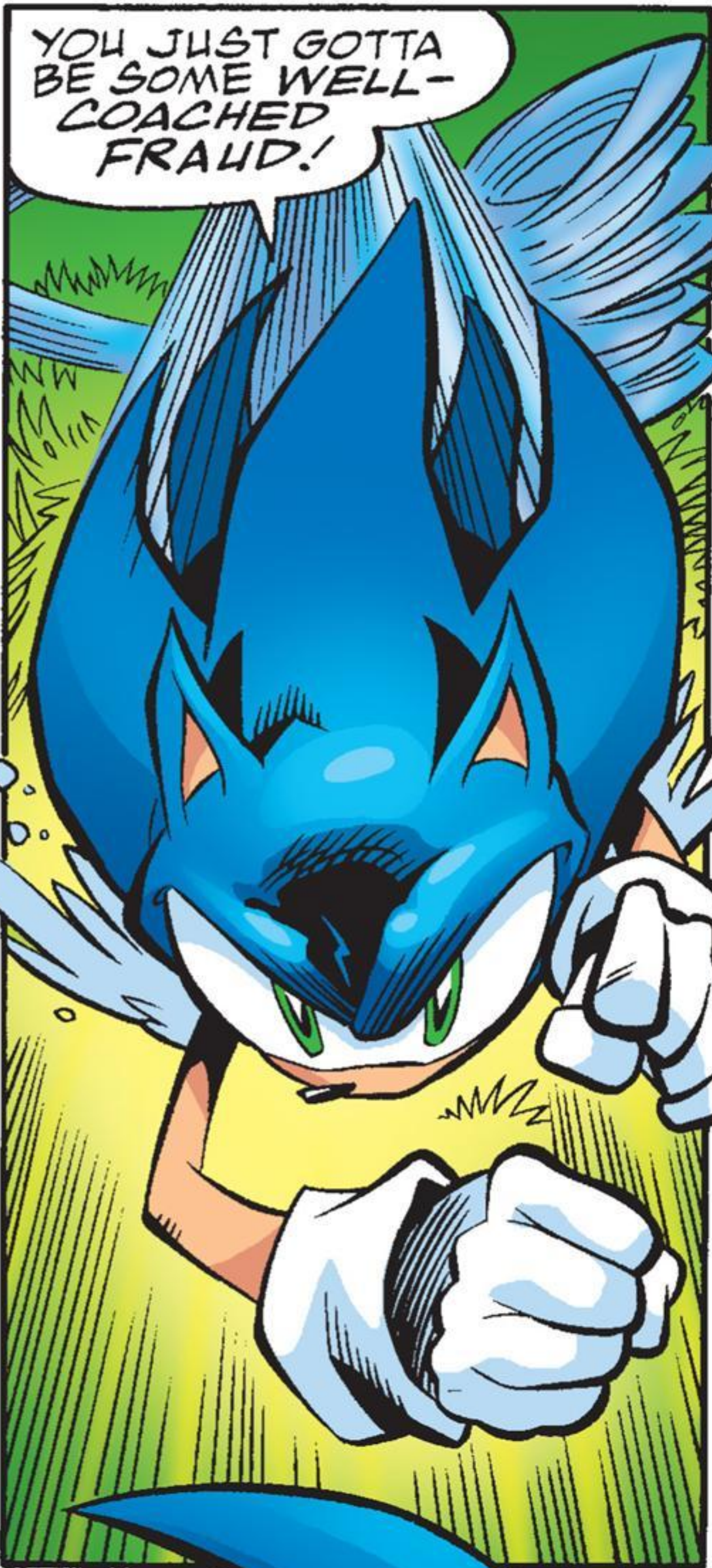
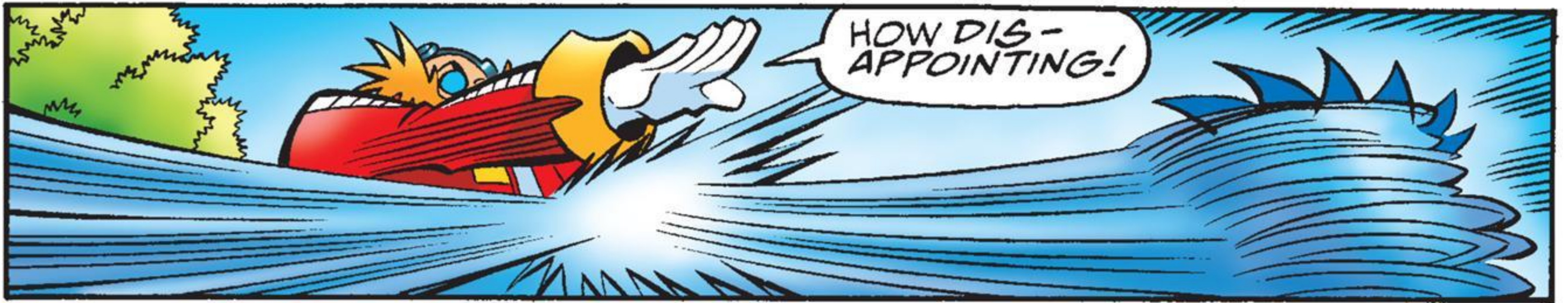
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?!

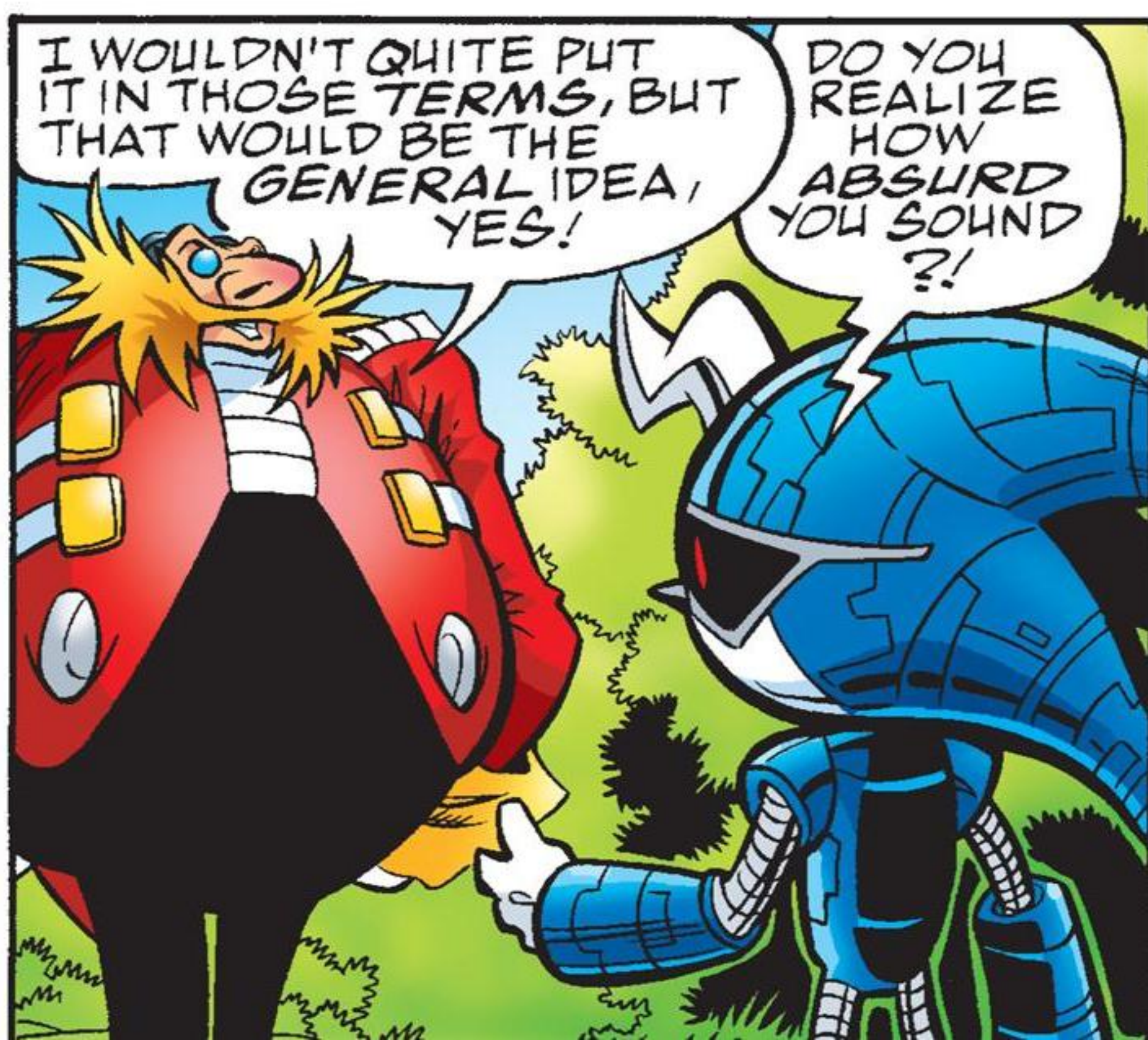
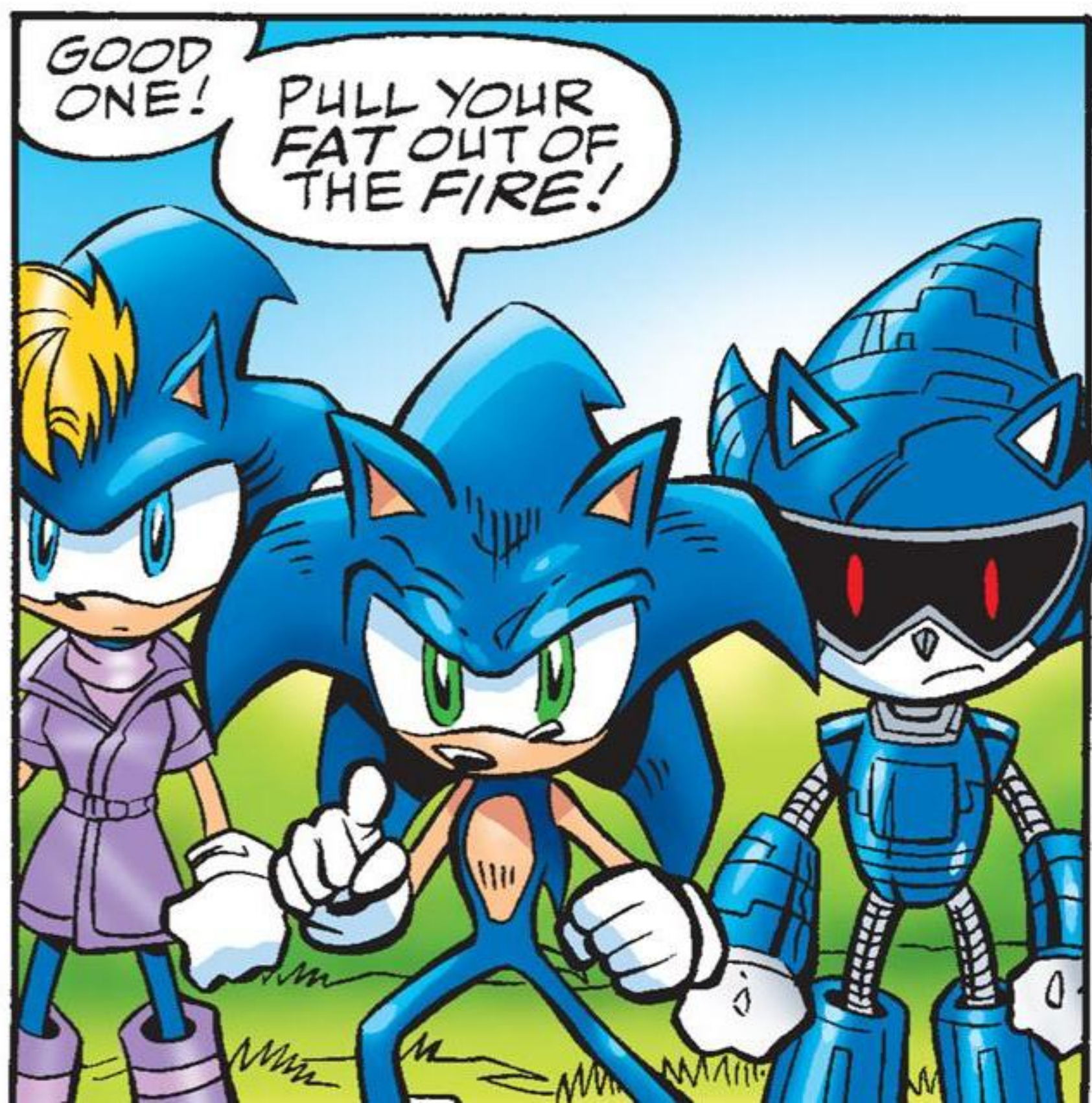
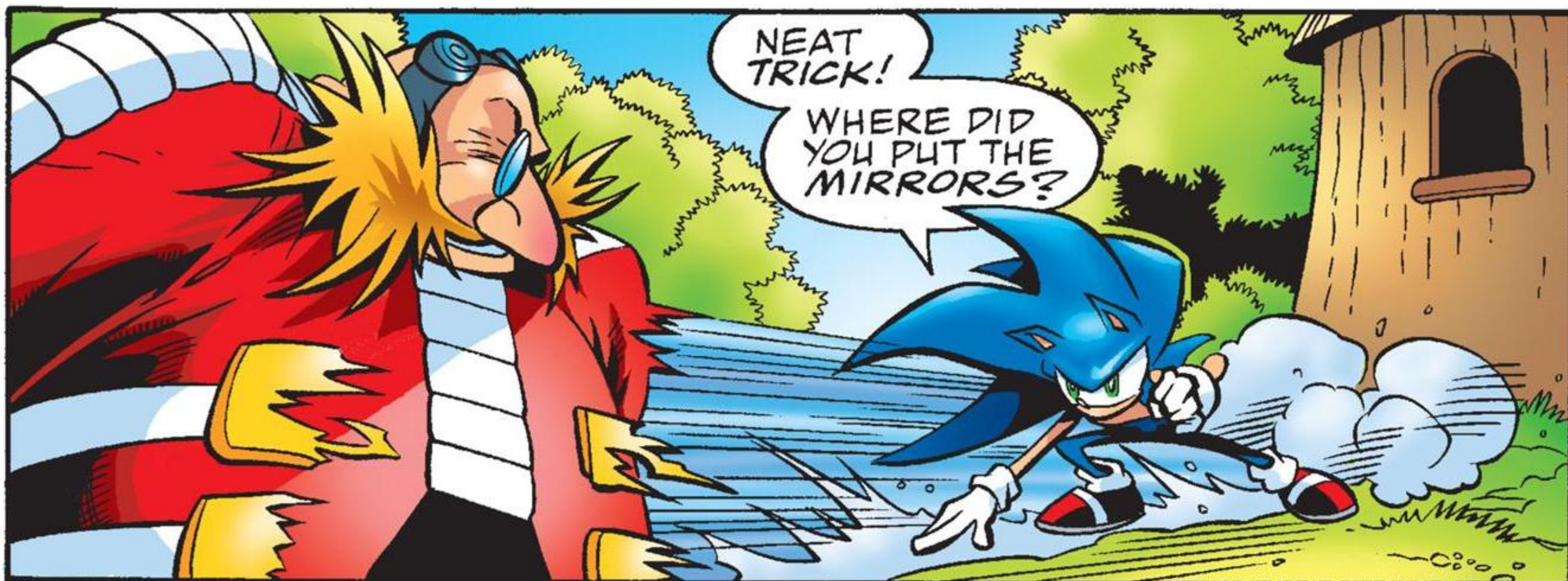
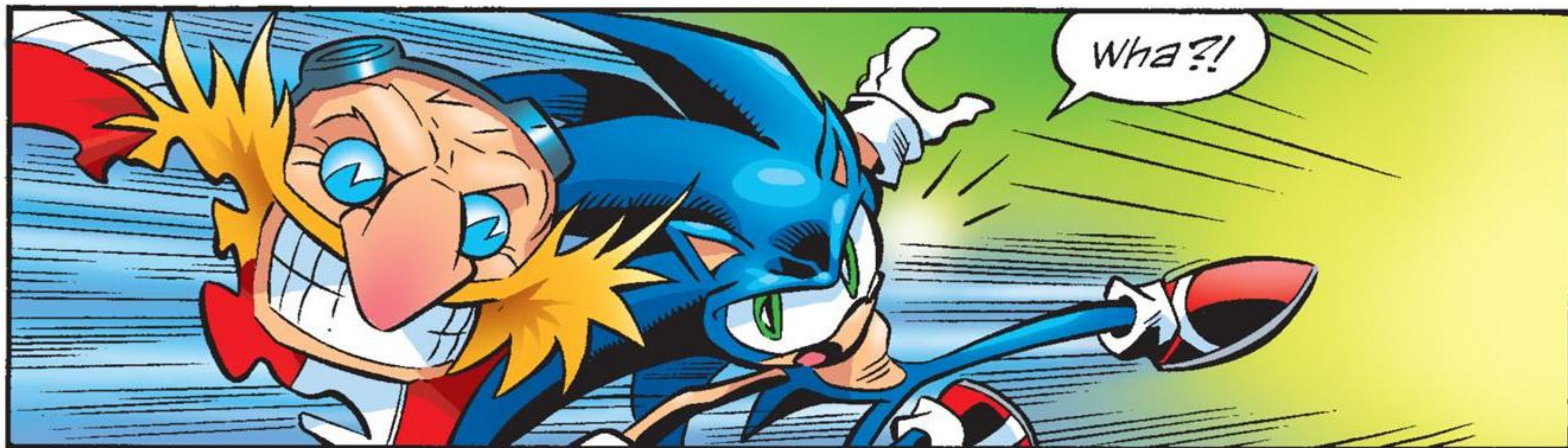
JUST BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, OKAY?

AWWW, MOM! IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS GOING TO--
AWWP!!

You!





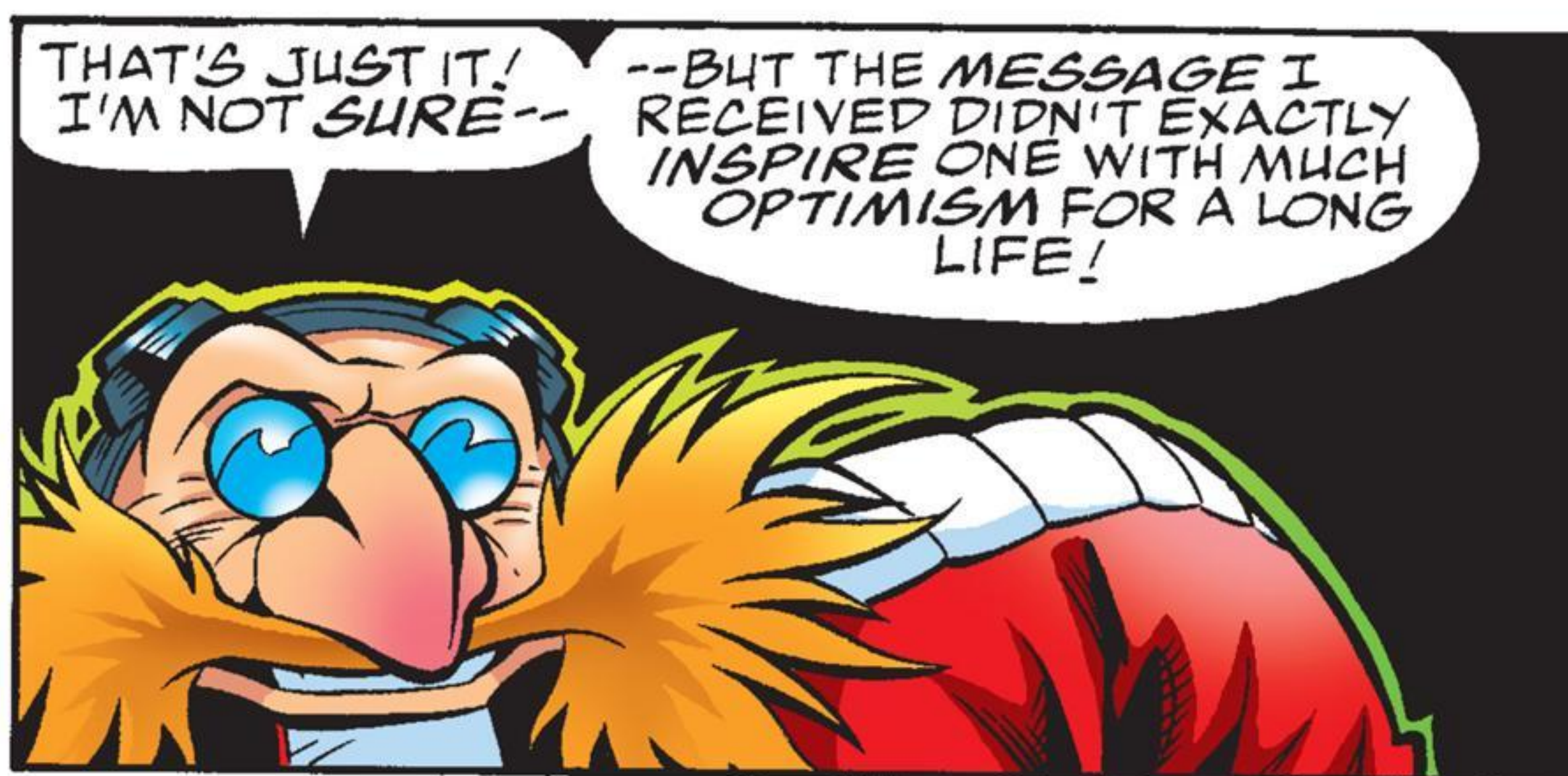




MY ENTIRE SITUATION IS BEYOND ABSURD, BUT HERE WE ARE!

AS IT STANDS, I HAVE JUST UNDER FIFTEEN HOURS LEFT!

THEN WHAT?

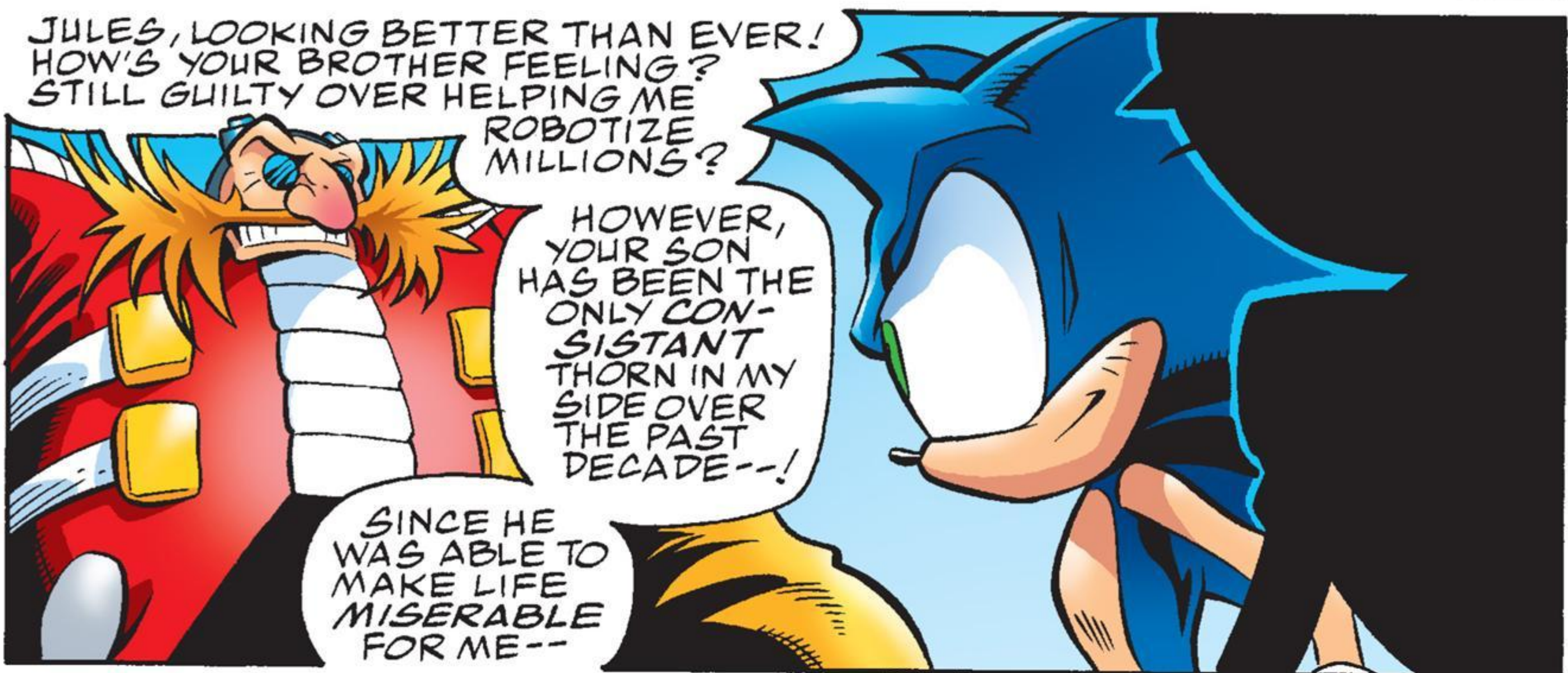


THAT'S JUST IT! I'M NOT SURE--

--BUT THE MESSAGE I RECEIVED DIDN'T EXACTLY INSPIRE ONE WITH MUCH OPTIMISM FOR A LONG LIFE!



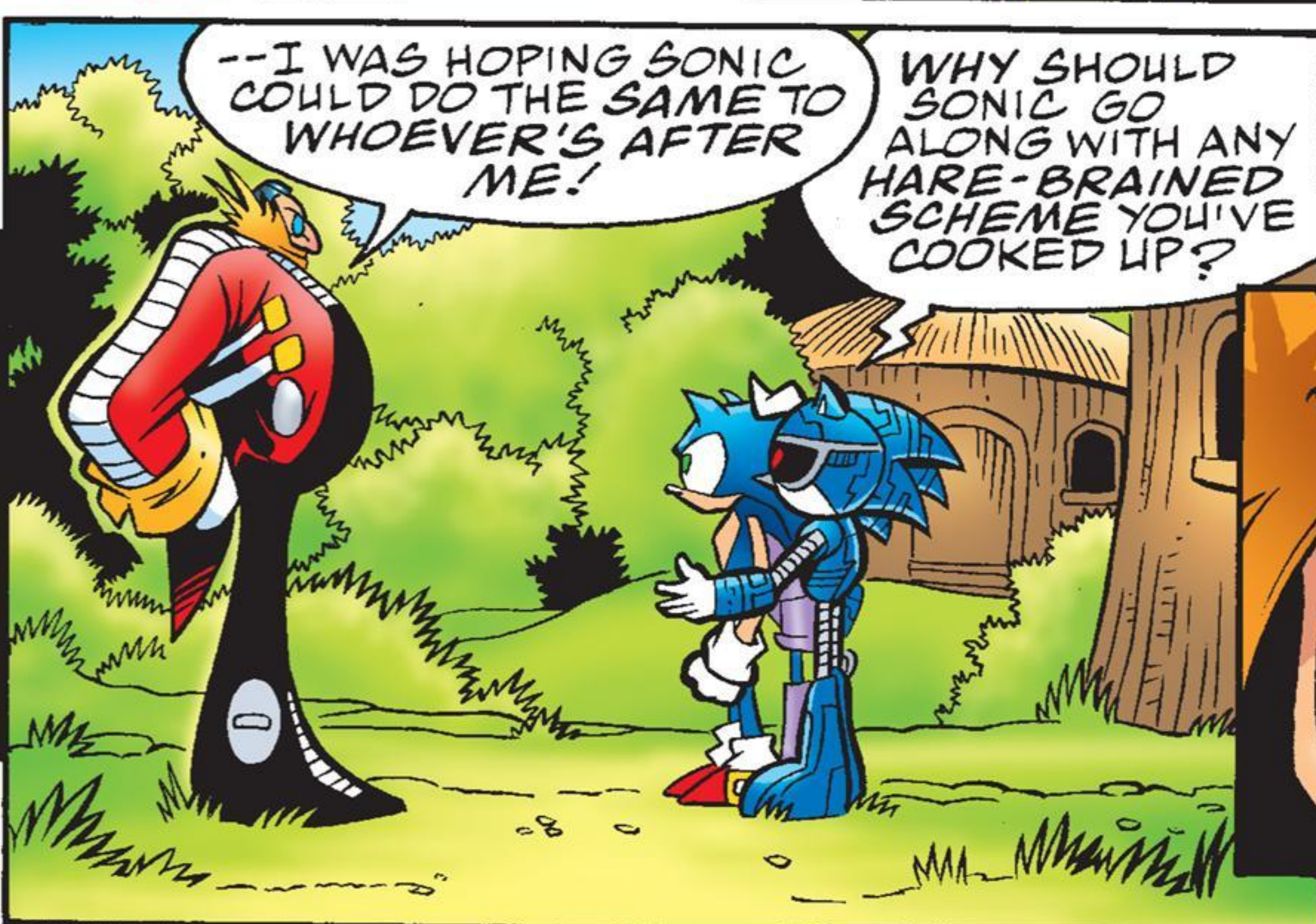
WHICH BRINGS US TO THE QUESTION-- WHAT HAS MY SON TO DO WITH ANY OF THIS?!



JULES, LOOKING BETTER THAN EVER! HOW'S YOUR BROTHER FEELING? STILL GUILTY OVER HELPING ME ROBOTIZE MILLIONS?

HOWEVER, YOUR SON HAS BEEN THE ONLY CONSISTANT THORN IN MY SIDE OVER THE PAST DECADE--!

SINCE HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR ME--



--I WAS HOPING SONIC COULD DO THE SAME TO WHOEVER'S AFTER ME!

WHY SHOULD SONIC GO ALONG WITH ANY HARE-BRAINED SCHEME YOU'VE COOKED UP?

AT LEAST WITH ME, YOU KNOW THE DEVIL YOU'RE GETTING!!



"--BESIDES, I CAN GET YOU OUT OF THAT TIN CAN, JULES!"

PLEASE TELL ME AGAIN--

--HOW WE'RE NOT STICKING OUR NECKS IN A NOOSE!

I WISH I COULD, SONIC--

--BUT IF THERE IS A FORCE EVEN WORSE THAN ROBOTNIK TO BE RECKONED WITH--

--THEN WE NEED TO LEARN ALL WE CAN NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO US!

FOR THE RECORD, I AM DOING THIS FOR MY FATHER, AND NOT AS SOME FACT-FINDING MISSION!

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE ROUGH LANDING, BUT THE REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM ISN'T AS SMOOTH AT THE CONTROLS AS THE HOLOGRAM YOU WRECKED!

YEAH, YEAH! WHATEVER!

LET'S JUST GET ON WITH IT!



AT LAST!
WELCOME TO MY
HUMBLE ABODE,
GENTLEMEN!

MAKE YOURSELVES
COMFORTABLE WHILE
I ACCESS THE
ELECTRONIC LOGS
FOR OUR DEAR
ROTOR!

"DEAR
ROTOR"?

HE KNOW
SOMETHING
I DON'T?

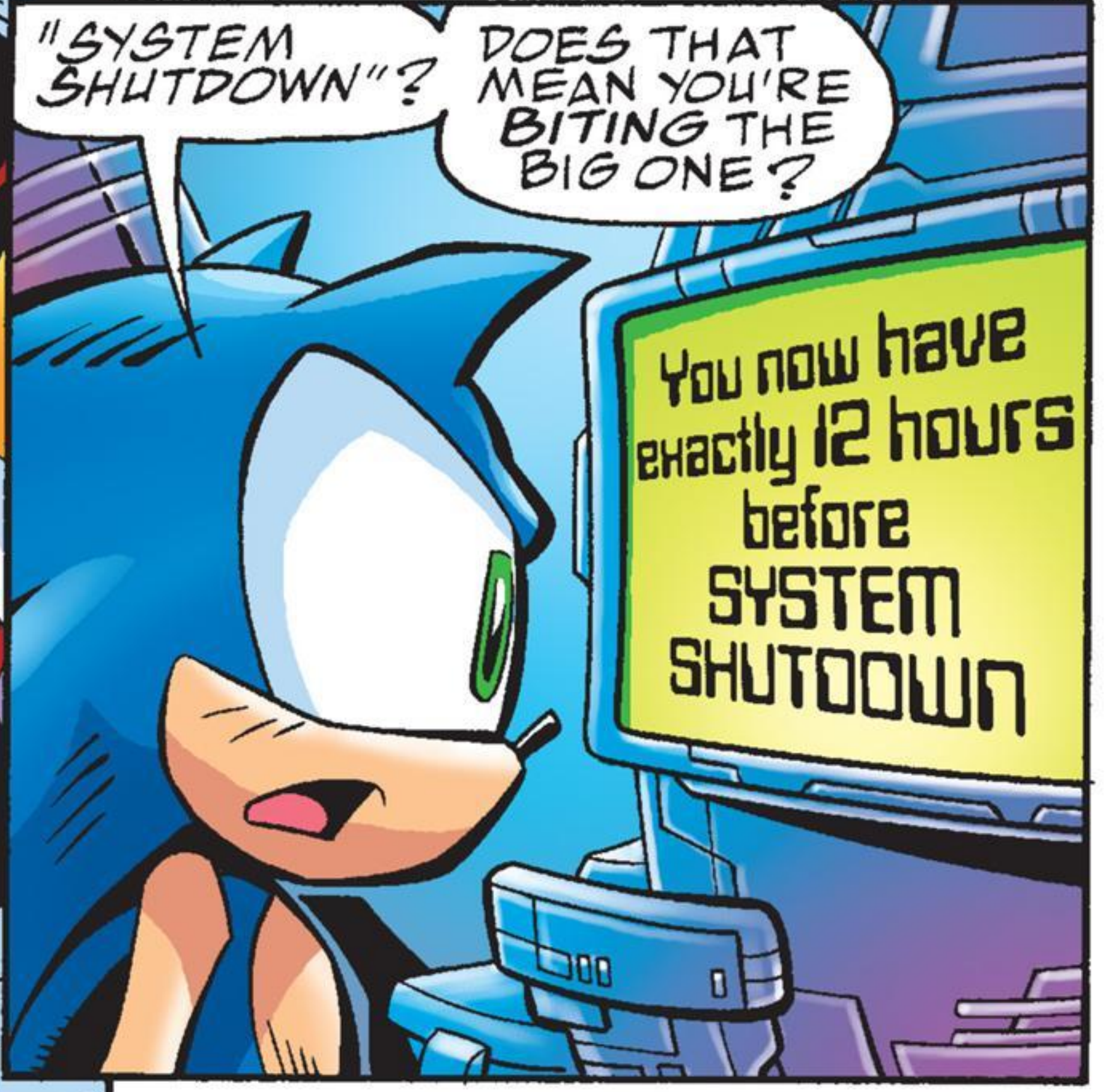
I REFUSE
TO DIGNIFY
THAT WITH A
RESPONSE!



ONE CAN'T BE
TOO CAREFUL,
Y'KNOW!

BEEP-BEEP-BEEP...
INCOMING, DR.
ROBOTNIK!

ON-
SCREEN,
A.D.A.M.!



"SYSTEM
SHUTDOWN"?

DOES THAT
MEAN YOU'RE
BITING THE
BIG ONE?

You now have
exactly 12 hours
before
SYSTEM
SHUTDOWN



WOULDN'T
THAT MAKE
YOUR DAY?

NO, MY BEST GUESS
IS A MALEVOLENT
FORCE WHOSE
PRESENCE MADE
ITSELF KNOWN
ONLY RECENTLY!

YEAH?
IN WHAT
WAY?

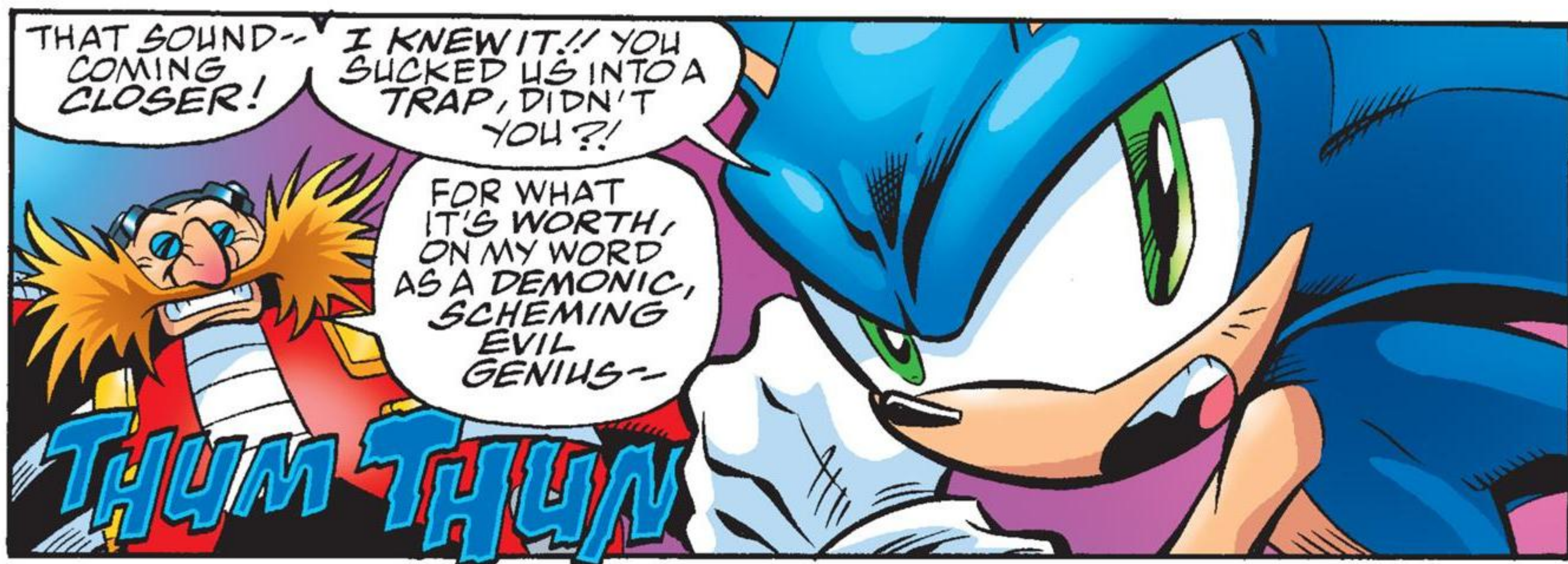


YOU COULD SAY IT WAS A
DEMONSTRATION OF A
TECHNOLOGY I DIDN'T
BELIEVE POSSIBLE
ANYMORE!

THIS
IS LIKE
PULLING
TEETH!

WHAT
KIND
OF
TECH
?!

THUM
THUM



THAT SOUND--
COMING
CLOSER!

I KNEW IT!! YOU
SUCKED US INTO A
TRAP, DIDN'T
YOU?!

FOR WHAT
IT'S WORTH,
ON MY WORD
AS A DEMONIC,
SCHEMING
EVIL
GENIUS--

THUM THUN

--I SWEAR TO YOU I
DON'T KNOW THE
CAUSE OF THAT SOUND!
BEST GUESS I WOULD
SAY IT'S A ROBOT, BUT
I DOUBT IT'S ONE OF
MINE!

WHY FATHER,
HOW ON MOBIUS
COULD YOU HAVE
FORGOTTEN
YOUR DARLING
DAUGHTER?!

Mecha?!

I COULD
HAVE SWORN
SHE WASHED
AWAY INTO
THE
SEWERS!
*

*REFERRING TO
SONIC #133!

SKA-RUM-CH

OUT OF MY WAY
SEA LION!

FATHER AND I
HAVE A LOT
TO TALK
ABOUT!

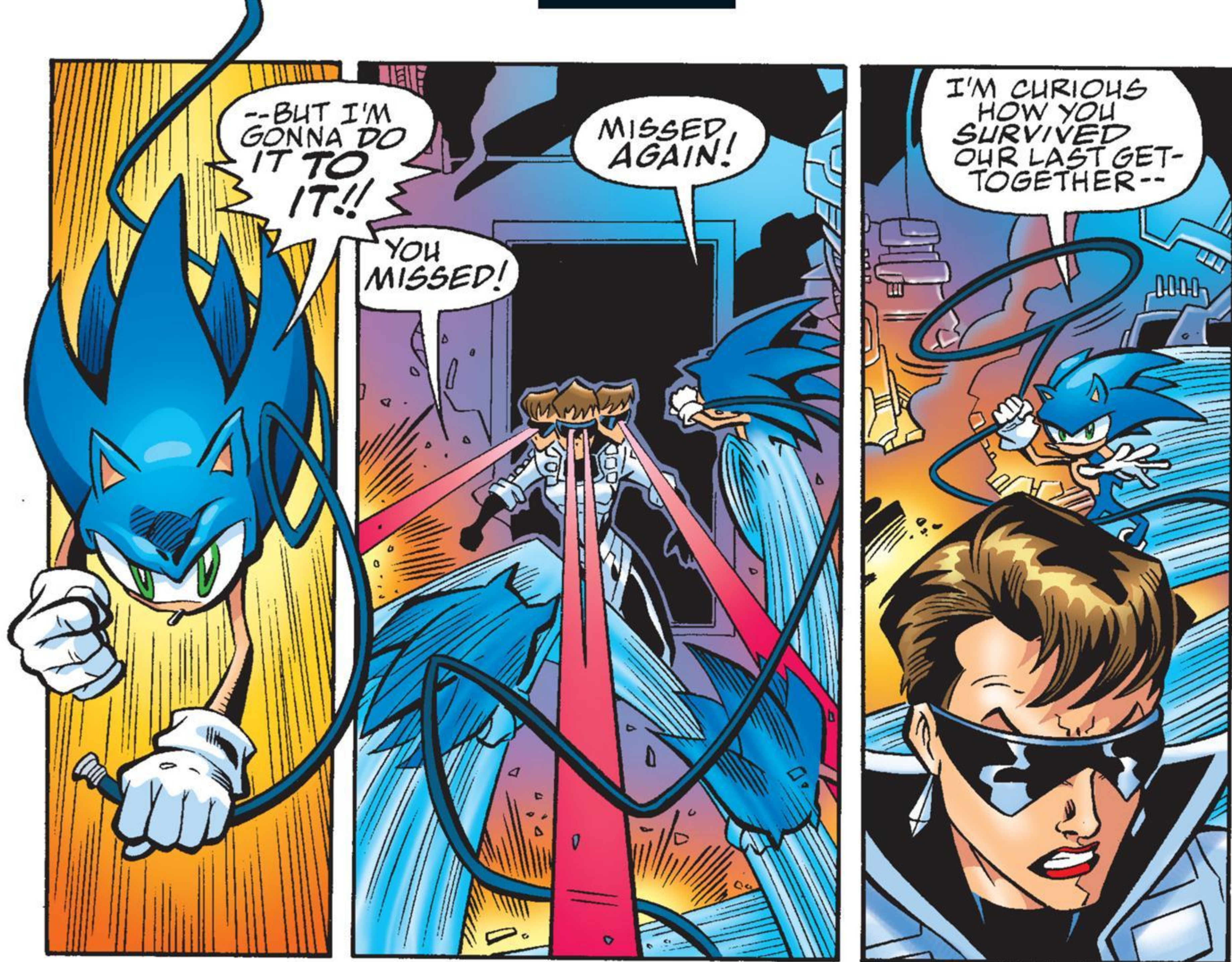
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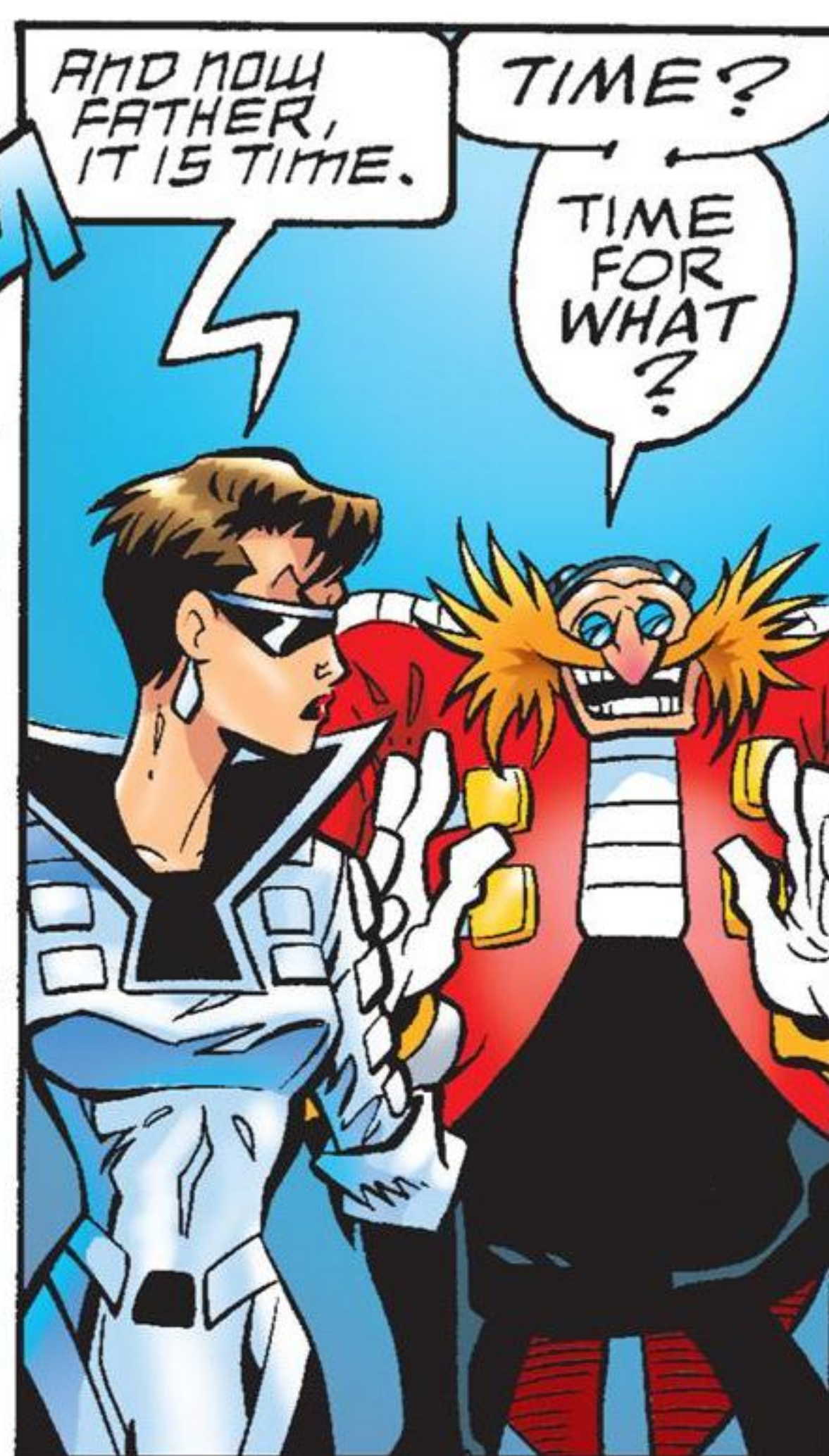
WELL
WHAT?!

DO SOMETHING! I
DIDN'T BRING YOU
HERE TO STAND
AROUND!

SIGH...

IT GOES
AGAINST
MY BETTER
JUDG-
MENT--





CONTINUED...

FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #158, ON SALE 01/25/06!
PLUS, MORE SONIC ADVENTURE IN SONIC X #5, ON SALE 02/08/06!